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“QUOTE, UNQUOTE”

Quote, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things said at and about Hope College.

Dr. Virginia Beard of the Hope faculty is dedicated to helping students make the most of their education, and as a long-distance runner who has participated in multiple marathons she is no stranger to the demands and benefits of hard work and perseverance.

Her commitment and experiences shaped her advice for the members of the incoming Class of 2019 during the college's opening convocation on Sunday, Aug. 30, setting the pace for the college years to come—and beyond. The event, held in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse, marked the formal beginning of the college's 154th academic year.



Dr. Beard, an associate professor of political science and director of the Women's and Gender Studies program, encouraged the students to be purposeful in how they approach all of the choices and challenges they will encounter not only in college but in all of life. She titled her remarks “Living a ‘Wild Life’: Attention and Intentionality,” phrasing derived from Mary Oliver's poem “The Summer Day,” which asks the reader, “[W]hat is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”

“In contrast to going through the motions without much forethought, what if we lived our lives full of attention and intentionality?” Dr. Beard asked. “Everything we do would then be done with an acute consciousness, fulfilling the core values that we find most essential (such as empathy, self-awareness, curiosity and responsibility—values around which Hope College has geared courses and co-curricular activities so that you leave this place in four or so years more deeply formed in these values). What if life was built on a type of paying attention that ensures we do not waste the ‘one wild life’ we are given?”

As the students make their journeys, she advised that they concern themselves with the truly important; to pursue truth; to be curious; to be grateful; to be honest and walk in humility; to know themselves, including their strengths and weaknesses; to live in grace with themselves and others; and to work hard—sometimes even with a marathon effort.

“Somewhere between miles 18-21, a marathon starts to feel REALLY difficult,” Dr. Beard said. “Your body is tired, and your mind starts to play with your heart. The race becomes really, really hard work—mentally, emotionally and physically. I have heard it said that a marathon has two halves—the first 20 miles, and the last six.”

“Your college journey as well as the rest of your life will have such times of hard work, that last six miles,” she said. “Maybe it will be the next few weeks as you adjust to being away from home, learn to interact with classmates or hallmates from different cultures, develop new study skills to succeed at the higher level of academic rigor offered by college, figure out how to juggle the demands of being first a full-time student with your other activities, jobs and friends, or push through to the finish line that is exam week.”

As she has experienced in running, she also noted that it is important—and rewarding—to persevere, even if the results aren't what was first envisioned.

“Sometimes you push through to the outcome you set out to attain, and other times you have to turn another direction,” Dr. Beard said. “Perhaps for you hard experiences will lead you to new paths in your major midway through your college career, or seeking out new activities when the sport you are playing no longer fits your goals or investing in new friendships or activities in your second, third or even fourth year at Hope because you are carefully and attentively choosing to engage with the people and experiences that fit your goals and calling.”

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On the Cover

*Christmas is nigh both at the Hope College of 2015 and at the Hope College of the period photo showing students enjoying fellowship, campus and the season much as have many for generations before and since. The image was originally published on the front page of the **Anchor** student newspaper on Dec. 9, 1942.*



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Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” – Luke 2:13-14

On the campus of Hope College, Christmas is a time of peaceful, quiet beauty. Yet we are reminded daily of the hurt, anxiety and turmoil experienced by millions throughout the world. This reality reminds us of the ever-growing importance of Hope's mission: *To educate students for lives of leadership and service in a global society through academic and co-curricular programs of recognized excellence in the liberal arts and in the context of the historic Christian faith.*

This season, let us not lose sight of our many reasons to be joyful, for Christ's birth offers hope to the whole world. Thousands of our own alumni, faculty and students serve as agents of hope around the globe and in every field endeavor. It is our prayer that God will continue to use the worldwide family of Hope College to heal wounds, model reconciliation and unite isolated hearts and minds.

Whether you are next door or thousands of miles away, we wish you a quiet heart this Christmas, secure in the unchanging love of our Savior.

John and Kelly

John and Kelly Knapp



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EVENTS

ACADEMIC YEAR

Jan. 10, Sunday—Residence halls open, noon
Jan. 11, Monday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.
Feb. 12-17, Friday, 6 p.m. to Wednesday, 8 a.m.—Winter Recess
March 18-29, Friday, 8 a.m. to Tuesday, 8 a.m.—Spring Recess and Easter Holiday

ADMISSIONS

Campus Visits: The Admissions Office is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, and from September through May is also open 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available, with appointments recommended.

Visit Days: Visit Days offer specific programs for prospective students. The remaining days for Mon., Jan. 18 Fri., Feb. 19 Fri., Jan. 22 Fri., Feb. 26 Fri., Jan. 29 Fri., March 4 Fri., Feb. 5 Fri., March 11 2015-16 are:

Junior Days: Spring-semester Visit Day programs designed especially for juniors. Available on the following Fridays: April 1, April 8 and April 15

For further information, please call toll free at 1.800.968.7850 or check online at hope.edu/admissions.

GUEST ARTISTS

Mark Kroos, guitarist—Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Dana Wilson—Sunday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m.
David Baskeyfield, organist—Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.
Lise de la Salle, pianist—Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.
Paul Vondiziano, with faculty member David Martin, guitar duo—Friday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.
Betti Xiang, erhu, and Julien Labro, bassoon—Thursday, March 31, 11 a.m.
Clive Driskill-Smith, organist—Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.
Arthur Greene, pianist—Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.
Gregory Crowell and Shin Hwang, harpsichord—Thursday, April 14, 11 a.m.

GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

Julian Sands in “A Celebration of Harold Pinter”—Friday, Jan. 29
Bang on a Can All-Stars—Saturday, Feb. 27
Imani Winds—Friday, April 8
All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Aminatta Forna—Thursday, Feb. 4
Tarfia Faizullah and Jamaal May—Thursday, March 3
The events begin at 7 p.m.

KRUIZENGA ART MUSEUM

“Past Present East West: Highlights from the Permanent Collection”—Through Saturday, May 14

MUSIC

Faculty Recital: Genevieve Beaulieu, bassoon—Sunday, Jan. 24, 2 p.m.
Musical Showcase—inaugural performance in the Concert Hall of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, 7:30 p.m.
Joint Faculty Recital: Andrew Le, piano, and Huw Lewis, organ—Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Jazz Arts Collective and Combos—Thursday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Intercollegiate Honors Band—Saturday, Feb. 13, time TBD.
Wind Ensemble and High School Band Concert—Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Concerto-Aria Concert—Saturday, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Wind Ensemble Concert—Friday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.
High School Honors Band—Saturday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.
Opera Workshop—Friday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.
Wind Ensemble Concert—Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.
Chapel Choir Concert—Thursday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.
Faculty Recital: Mihai Craioveanu, violinist, and guests—Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.
Faculty Recital: Gabe Southard, flute—Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m.
Concert Band Concert—Thursday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.

WINTER Happening

*** SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016 ***

Six seminars led by Hope faculty
Luncheon with musical entertainment
Art exhibitions
Home men's basketball

HOPE.EDU/WINTERHAPPENING

DANCE

Artist-in-Residence: Lucky Plush Dance Theatre—Friday, Jan. 22
Dance 42—Friday-Saturday, March 4-5; Thursday-Saturday, March 10-12
Student Dance Showcase—Friday-Saturday, April 22-23
Student Dance Showcase—Monday-Tuesday, April 25-26
All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

HOPE COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES

The Oh Hellos—Thursday, Jan. 28
PHOX with special guest Soil & the Sun—Friday, Feb. 19
All Sons & Daughters—Friday, March 4
All performances begin at 8 p.m.

DE PREE ART CENTER AND GALLERY

Billy Mayer Sabbatical Show: 440—Monday, Jan. 11-Thursday, Feb. 11
Katie Wynne: Work Day—Friday, Feb. 19-Thursday, March 17
Graduating Senior Show—Friday, April 8-Sunday, May 8

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please visit the Hope Athletics website at athletics.hope.edu to find schedules for the 2015-16 winter and spring seasons. Pocket schedules can be picked up at the Hope College ticket offices in the Anderson-Werkman Financial Center and DeVos Fieldhouse.

THEATRE

Miss Julie—Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20; Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 24-27, 7:30 p.m.
The Tempest—Friday-Saturday, April 15-16; Wednesday-Saturday, April 20-23, 7:30 p.m.

ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Rivalry Satellite Parties—Saturday, Feb. 20
Please see page 34 for more information.
Alumni Weekend—Friday-Saturday, April 29-30
Please see page 26 for more information.

TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Lecture—Monday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m.
Featuring “Dare to be BOLD,” presented by David Paul ’10
Critical Issues Symposium—Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 24-25
Topic: “Engaging the Middle East: Understanding Contemporary Changes”
Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance—Friday, April 15, 2:30-5:30 p.m.
Honors Convocation—Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m.
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 8

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please visit the college online for updates, additional events, locations and admission information.

 hope.edu/events



STRONG ENROLLMENT:

A successful recruiting year and strong retention again have Hope operating with full enrollment.

The college has 3,407 students this year, the second year in a row that enrollment has topped 3,400. Last year's headcount was 3,433.

"We're grateful for the continued strong interest among students in the outstanding education that Hope provides," said William Vanderbilt '88, vice president for admissions. "We had a record number of applications this year and achieved our enrollment goal for both the incoming class and the student body as a whole."

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AAAS FELLOW: Dr. David Myers of the psychology faculty has been elected a Fellow of the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The honor is bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers because of their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. Dr. Myers was chosen for distinguished contributions to the field of social psychology and communication of psychological science to students and the public.

A total of 347 AAAS members have been elected Fellows this year, and Dr. Myers is one of only three from undergraduate colleges and only eight in psychology. Most Fellows are from institutions such as national or private research laboratories, scientific associations and comprehensive universities.

A social psychologist who has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1967, Dr. Myers has digested psychological research for the public through 17 books, and articles in four dozen magazines and three dozen academic periodicals.

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TEACHER-SCHOLAR:

Dr. Jeff Johnson of the chemistry faculty has received national recognition through a 2015 Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation,

one of only seven presented nationally.

It is the second year in a row that a Hope professor has received the award, which recognizes faculty in the chemical sciences at undergraduate institutions based on accomplishment in scholarly research with undergraduates as well as a compelling commitment to teaching. Dr. Jason G. Gillmore was honored last year.

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GUIDANCE: Fall is not only the season of school years new, but of college guides, some well known and some new, some considering institutions *in toto* and some targeted in focus.

And a lot of them praise Hope, with acclaim running across a broad spectrum ranging from the *U.S. News Best Colleges Guide* (again among the nation's top 100 liberal arts colleges and recognized for student engagement in research and creative work), to *onlinechristiancolleges.com* (recognition as one of the 50 most beautiful Christian colleges in the U.S.), to the 2016 *Fiske Guide to Colleges*, which features this reflection from a student:

"Hope is a place where students are challenged to become better students... but, more important, better people."

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REMARKABLE RELAY:

Hope's student-organized November 2014 Relay For Life received three awards through the

2015 American Cancer Society Relay For Life Nationwide Awards and Recognition Program.

The program received a Nationwide Per Capita Award based on net overall funds raised and a Lakeshore Division Heart of Relay Award for Survivor Engagement, and Mortar Board received a Nationwide Team of Excellence Award as a top fund-raising organization.

A 13-year tradition, the Hope Relay continued this year on Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14, and raised \$65,687.

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LIFETIME

ACHIEVEMENT: Maxine DeBruyn, who is the Dorothy Wiley DeLong Professor Emerita of Dance, was honored this fall for making a difference in dance education locally, regionally, nationally and internationally across a career spanning more than 50 years.

The National Dance Education Organization presented her with its Lifetime Achievement Award on Saturday, Oct. 10, during the group's 17th Annual National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

Professor DeBruyn has been actively involved in professional associations and dance education beyond campus, both within the U.S. and abroad, significant service that has run in tandem with impact at Hope that cannot be overstated. She pioneered the Department of Dance with a single course shortly after joining the faculty in 1965; offering a major since 1984, the program is highly regarded nationally.

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FALL SPORTS REPORT:

Hope's 28th-place finish at the NCAA Division III Women's Cross Country Championships and the second Great Lakes Regional title in four years were among several highlights this fall.

Coach Mark Northuis '82 and the Flying Dutch also claimed one of the school's three MIAA titles. Hope swept men's and women's golf titles as well. Twelve Hope student-athletes earned All-MIAA First Team honors.

Learn more about the season on the Hope Athletics website or search Hope Athletics on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

athletics.hope.edu



NATIONAL HONOR:

Jorge Capestany, manager of the DeWitt Tennis Center, has received the national 2015 Alex Gordon Award for the Professional of the Year from the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA).

The award recognizes a member who, over a career, has demonstrated exemplary achievement in seven areas, including contributions to USPTA and the United States Tennis Association (USTA); as a teaching professional, player and coach; education, research and publications; organizational affiliations; and contributions to the community.

He was honored during the annual awards ceremony at the USPTA World Conference at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in Louisiana on Friday, Sept. 25.

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HOPE IN PICTURES: Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope.

Pictured above are moments from the fall's two traditional freshman-sophomore contests, the Pull tug-of-war and the Nykerk Cup competition. The sophomore Class of 2018 won the Pull, held on Saturday, Sept. 26, across the Black River, while the freshman Class of 2019 won Nykerk, held on Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse.

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Flourishing for Fifty

Hope and Meiji Gakuin celebrate their first half century By Greg Olgers '87

In the summer of 1968, Hope and Meiji Gakuin University of Japan planted a young cherry tree on the north side of Lubbers Hall in commemoration of their budding friendship, then just three years old.

In 2015, that tree is a spectacular part of campus, blooming with breathtaking beauty each spring and not only a reminder of the relationship but a symbol of its vitality as the two schools celebrate their 50 years of partnership. Just as the tree has matured and flourished, so, too, has the relationship grown from an initial summer program for Meiji Gakuin students to a mix of opportunities across the year for students and faculty at both institutions, the program enduringly rooted in the positive experience of hundreds of students across generations, the friendships formed among faculty and staff, and a mutual commitment to building understanding in an increasingly shrinking world.

Lubbers

English History
Political Science



“We’re extremely grateful for our relationship with Meiji Gakuin University,” said President Dr. John C. Knapp. “Today, many see the importance of fostering international awareness as an essential component of an outstanding college education, but 50 years ago the idea was much less common. That our friends at Meiji Gakuin and our forerunners here at Hope made it a priority and have nurtured the relationship across all the years since has left us a gift that we treasure.”

While each institution now has a variety of international partnerships (and Hope’s Vienna Summer School began in 1956), the Hope-Meiji Gakuin exchange is the longest-running such association at each.

“Meiji Gakuin has relationships with 37 different schools all over the world. However, for us at Meiji Gakuin, the relationship with Hope is of the utmost importance to us,” said Hiroyoshi Udonon, president of Meiji Gakuin, who led a delegation from Japan to Hope for a two-day celebration of the anniversary in November. “I hope and pray that God will continue to bless our relationship so that we can continue to flourish together as part of the body of Christ.”

The Nov. 3-4 anniversary events at Hope included a ceremony during which Presidents Udonon and Knapp signed a formal institutional agreement as a pledge to continue their relationship that was followed by the planting of a Kwanzan cherry tree at the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. Additional events included a commemorative Chapel celebration with Presidents Udonon and Knapp speaking, and lectures by Andy Nakajima, associate professor of Japanese at Hope, who shared the story of Hope’s first Japanese students in the 1870s with a particular focus on Kumaji Kimura (Class of 1879), and Margaret Matsumoto, whose father Toru Matsumoto had been ordained in the Reformed Church in America and had been a member of the Meiji Gakuin faculty.

Meiji Gakuin organized celebration events in May, with guests from Hope including President Knapp and his wife Kelly. Meiji Gakuin also commemorated the relationship in its magazine in April and with a website in both Japanese and English.

Meiji Gakuin University is a Christian university with campuses in both Tokyo and Yokohama. Meiji Gakuin traces its origins to the establishment of an English academy in Yokohama in 1863 by American medical missionaries serving through the Presbyterian Church of America.

Hope alumni had been engaged with Meiji Gakuin as missionaries since the early part of the 20th century. One of those alumni, the Rev. Gordon Van Wyk ’41, was among those who played a leadership role in establishing the relationship with Hope while he was on the faculty at Meiji Gakuin (1953-85), where he taught Bible, American literature and history.

Hope’s and Meiji Gakuin’s relationship began in 1965 with a summer program that brought Japanese students to the Hope campus. It became a bilateral exchange in 1980, with Hope students traveling to Japan through a May Term course. The two institutions added long-term study abroad in 1989 and a faculty exchange in 1994, with Hope also hosting a Global Management Seminar for students since 2007 and a Faculty Development Workshop since 2013. Also since 2013, Hope has hosted junior high school students in the summer through a partnership between Meiji Gakuin and Komoro City of Japan.

Hope’s ties to Japan go back nearly a century earlier than the anniversary. At one point in the 19th century, as many as 14 students from Japan were studying at the college. The first two Hope graduates from Japan—who comprised one third of the graduating class in 1879—were Kumaji Kimura and Motoichiro Oghimi, who subsequently attended New Brunswick Theological Seminary and returned to Japan to serve as educators and pastors. Kimura was originally from Komoro City, a connection that helped inspire the 2013 junior high program. Many Hope alumni were involved with Meiji Gakuin itself for decades before 1965.

The 50-year relationship with Meiji Gakuin University is among five important partnerships that Hope has today with universities in Japan, which include Ferris University, Seigakuin University Technos College and Waseda University.

A group of students, seen from behind, are walking along a dirt path through a dense bamboo forest. The bamboo stalks are tall and thin, creating a natural archway over the path. Sunlight filters through the green leaves, creating dappled light on the ground. The students are wearing casual clothing and carrying backpacks. The path leads into the distance, where more people can be seen walking.

A moment from the college's May Term in Japan this past spring.

Shigeri Hayashi, a third-year Meiji Gakuin student who is spending 2015-16 at Hope, has made the journey to the college twice through the partnership. "I came here last year in the summer, and was so impressed with the experience that I wanted to take more classes here," she said. "The people were very nice and the professors were very kind, so I decided to come back to study for a year."

A pre-law student, she has valued the chance to compare Japanese and U.S. constitutional law, but she has equally appreciated the opportunity to experience another culture, not as an exercise, but through life, often in ways as everyday as talking late into the night with her roommate, or connecting with other students—not least of all those who are studying Japanese.

"We talk about Japanese culture and American culture," Hayashi said. "And sometimes I help them with Japanese homework and they help me with my American homework."

For Hope senior Tony Byrne of Big Rapids, Michigan, participation in the exchange program might have seemed a foregone conclusion. His mother's family had hosted Meiji Gakuin students in the 1970s and 1980s, positive experiences that were a fond part of family lore.

He notes, though, that he hadn't recalled that history as he began his Hope experience. And so it was coincidental that he enrolled in Japanese courses at Hope as an intriguing way of fulfilling his language requirement, and subsequently found himself encouraged to participate in the May Term by faculty involved.

"At that point I hadn't really thought about studying abroad, but I figured I should have an experience if that was available," he said. "So I went and it was one of the greatest experiences of my life."

The experience was also transformational. Byrne admits that (like many students) he enrolled as a freshman without a clear career path in mind, but the opportunities he's found since have provided direction. He was so inspired by the May Term that he decided to pursue a Japanese studies composite major and, mirroring Hayashi's journey, opted to spend his junior year at Meiji Gakuin.

"The professors there were fantastic," Byrne said. "I think I've worked pretty hard the past few years studying Japanese, but they definitely pushed me further than I thought possible at the time. I definitely owe them a debt of gratitude."

"Not once did I feel like an outsider in the classroom," he said. "That was really nice."

Byrne, who is also majoring in philosophy, is now hoping to return to Japan after graduation, perhaps to teach English.

"I feel really blessed and I'm really thankful for the opportunity to go to Meiji Gakuin," Byrne said. "Just that I came to Hope without any preconception of what I want to do, and I happened to find this language major and happened to meet all these wonderful professors that made me open to the idea of going to this entirely new place, and then going there and opening my eyes in ways I never thought. I have a lot of people to thank for where I'm at."

"I think it's so great that 50 years ago they started this relationship, and it's been maintained," he said.

More about the program is on the college's website, including a link to Meiji Gakuin University's online commemoration of the relationship, which is available in both Japanese and English. hope.edu/meijigakuinanniversary

*10th
Anniversary*



*50th
Anniversary*



A GREATER HOPE

\$175 MILLION CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$203,598,621

total amount raised

\$80,030,429

raised for the endowment

\$15,412,062

for undergraduate research and innovation

\$20,441,362

for student scholarships

\$14,487,367

for faculty support

10 MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Van Andel Soccer Stadium
Etheridge Tennis Complex and the
Vande Poel-Heeringa Stadium Courts
Boeve Baseball Stadium
Wolters Softball Stadium
Ray and Sue Smith Stadium
Tom and Ryan Cook Village
Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts
Kruizenga Art Museum
Haworth Engineering Center
Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center

An aerial photograph of the Hope College campus, showing a large Gothic-style building with a red-tiled roof and a tall steeple on the left, surrounded by green lawns, trees, and other campus buildings.

21,352
donors to the campaign

182
new endowed scholarships

10
endowed professorships

Not in Stone Alone

The largest and most successful fundraising effort in the college's history, the recently concluded *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign has literally transformed the campus through facilities running from the Haworth Engineering Center at the west to the VandePoel-Heeringa Stadium courts at the east and multiple points in between. The impact, however, has been no less significant beyond bricks and mortar, with major endowment support adding scholarships, endowed professorships and staff positions, and funding for initiatives such as faculty-student collaborative research.

And so the lasting difference can be seen, but importantly it is also being felt, and not only in the day-to-day learning that takes place both on campus and beyond, but through the lives of those who are shaped—and in turn shape others—for the better.

For more about the campaign and its impact, including a video, please visit the college online. hope.edu/agreaterhope



A Greater Hope
THE HOPE COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

*We are grateful for your generous
and faithful support of Hope College!*

Where Question

Story by Jim McFarlin '74

Jim McFarlin '74 pictured left and David Brooks on the right.

Like many first-time visitors to Hope, David Brooks was invited to experience a weekday Chapel service one recent Wednesday morning — and came away inspired.

“The students just crammed this place,” marveled Brooks, the renowned conservative columnist for the *New York Times*, best-selling author, and commentator for the *PBS Newshour* and NPR’s *All Things Considered*. He was seated on a front pew in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, where the service had taken place hours earlier. “The scientist who spoke (Dr. Beth Anderson, assistant professor of chemistry and Towsley Research Scholar) gave a sensational talk about wonder. You know, science and faith are not always well integrated, but she certainly integrated it super well.

“I just love the spirit of the place, the spiritual intensity. The music was good, and then later we got to meet the chaplains and they were just so warm. I was really struck by how the faculty and the administration think about the entire life, not just the brain.”

Unlike many first-time guests, Brooks left not only with a powerful impression, but also with an honorary doctorate degree in humane letters. He was the featured speaker for the college’s fall Presidential Colloquium, a semiannual series established during the inaugural year of Hope president Dr. John C. Knapp in 2013 that brings some of the world’s most illustrious thinkers

to campus to share their insights on academia and global civic engagement. (“It’s a pleasure to be a Flying Dutchman,” Brooks declared after the honorary degree was bestowed. “I first came here 12 hours ago.”)

The theme of the Sept. 30 event was “The Value and Relevance of a Faith-Based, Liberal Arts Education in the 21st Century.”

“We have continued to stay steadfast in our belief that the American liberal arts model is a great way to educate students, and perhaps more relevant today than it has ever been,” Dr. Knapp said. “And at a college like Hope with a Christian mission, we see it as an important part of our work to help students answer the Big Questions: Who am I? Who is God? What is the meaning of life? In this 150th year at Hope College, we recognize our approach to education is adding tremendous value to our students as they prepare for life in an increasingly complex global society.”

To underscore that belief, the colloquium included an afternoon panel discussion with Dr. Knapp and the presidents of three other faith-rooted liberal arts institutions: Dr. Mary Dana Hinton of the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota; Dr. Robin Baker of George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon, and Dr. Michael Le Roy of Calvin College in Grand Rapids,



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~David Brooks

Michigan. "The liberal arts liberate us to think broadly, to engage with the world," said Dr. Hinton. "But our faith-based foundation challenges us to say, 'You're liberated in service to what?' We are called to use our liberal arts education in service of the world around us."

Brooks' daylong visit to Hope, which included interactions with students, faculty, administrators and community members leading up to his evening keynote address, was well timed, as he is seeking answers to Big Questions himself. His fourth and latest book *The Road to Character* (Random House), published in April, finds the author scrutinizing the biographies of such historical figures as Dwight Eisenhower, Saint Augustine, Catholic social activist Dorothy Day and Victorian novelist George Eliot as exemplars of virtues he can apply to his own life.

"I have to confess, I hadn't looked at the book for a few months so I went through it as sort of a refresher," Brooks said. "I remember thinking to myself, 'You haven't really been living up to this!' So it's a constant reminder. The people I wrote about in the book, they set a standard of behavior that you're probably not going to live up to, but you hope you get a little closer. I do think having the right high standards is the first prominent step.

"You're not going to become a saint by reading a book, or writing one, but you can get some of the knowledge and wisdom that have accumulated over the ages," he said.

Brooks, 54, has been a columnist for the *Times* since 2003. "When you're beginning your career, you're kind of the plucky outsider," he reflects. "But when you reach what I consider the pinnacle, people are rooting for you to fail." In addition to his other media pursuits, he is a lecturer at Yale University and has taught a course on "philosophical humility."

"That was sort of the joke, a *New York Times* columnist teaching Yale students about humility," he said, laughing. "It was really some of the preparatory thinking that turned into the book. It was to argue against a culture of narcissism, which I think is sweeping the country."

In his book, Brooks calls it the culture of "The Big Me." "I teach at a secular university and visit a lot of them, and it's possible for students to go through four years without spending a lot of time learning about themselves, or thinking about the nature of their soul," he said. "At a faith-based institution, that almost never happens. It's discussed late night in the dorms, over the lunch table. It's just on the mind, and talked about."

Please visit the college online for a video recording of David Brooks' keynote presentation and a gallery of photos taken during the Presidential Colloquium. hope.edu/brooksathope

Research in Mexico

Studying Art at the Source

By Greg Chandler

If the time that Hope faculty mentor Dr. Maria Claudia André and her students spent in Mexico City this summer had done nothing more than present an opportunity to experience the community and its culture, the resulting lessons would have been significant.

Add into the mix a chance to engage in original research as part of a multi-institutional effort that will provide a resource for people around the world for years to come? Priceless.

Dr. André, who is a professor of Spanish, is involving Hope students in an ongoing research project through the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA). During the summer, Dr. André and two students, senior Meghan Loree of Spring Lake, Michigan, and Regina Sánchez-González '15 of San Francisco, California, spent three weeks in Mexico City, conducting research on the contributions of artists who were influential in shaping Mexican society following that country's revolution in the early 20th century.

Along the way, they met people who knew the artists and gained a greater appreciation not only for their art, but the culture they represented.

"Imagine you're studying the work of someone you admire and you spend many days reading and learning, and then you get to meet people who were participants in this whole movement," Dr. André said. "If you were a rock musician, it would be like meeting Mick Jagger."

The Hope research is tied to an ambitious overall initiative, titled "Mapping the

Megalopolis: Making an atlas of Mexico City." The project involves researchers from Hope and six other member colleges of the GLCA, a consortium of private liberal arts institutions in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Much of Dr. André's research centered on the role of muralism—a form of artwork that became synonymous with Mexican culture in the wake of the revolution, led by the famed artist Diego Rivera. Not only did the Hope researchers visit museums where work by Rivera and other artists was featured, but they

Dr. André says that at the time, illiteracy in Mexico was at a very high level, and muralism was a perfect form for introducing art and modernity to the people of that country. "You have lots of space on a wall. If you bring art to the streets, then people are bound to see it," she said.

The researchers also studied the development of stridentism, another form of artistic and literary avant-garde movement that sought to challenge the prevailing nationalism and to initiate a serious critical inquiry into the traditional ways of thinking about art and culture in the region.

Highlights also included numerous visits to Mexico City's museums, as well as interviews with artists who knew Rivera, Kahlo and other artists tied to that post-revolutionary period. Dr. André recalls a visit to one particular national archive that proved to be a highlight of the experience.

"We told the people at the museum we were conducting research on Rivera.

They had tons of letters and photos and images and all sorts of documents tied to him. We hit the jackpot," Dr. André said.

Loree recalled meeting two artists who had been apprentices under Rivera and Kahlo, and says the learning opportunity was life-changing.

"I was blown away by the amount of knowledge they had about these artists from having worked under them," she said. "They had pictures around their house. One of the artists would say, 'This is a sketch Diego Rivera



met people who knew both Rivera and his wife, the prominent feminist artist Frida Kahlo.

"Muralism became the official art and cultural movement for the expression and recognition of the Mexican people and their heritage. For its didactic nature, muralism was the perfect medium to reinvent the country's national history as well as a resource for the construction of a modern Mexican culture, one that would heal the divisions that had not been solved by politics," Dr. André said.

made for me.' It was part of their life, seeing the focus of artwork in their home."

For Sánchez-González, who grew up in Mexico, the research project began months before the visit to Mexico City, as she took an independent study course with Dr. André.

"It's one thing to sit in a library and do research. It's another thing to be immersed in the culture, the people, the setting, and having it all come to life," Sánchez-González said. "We had the space to talk about these artists, what they were like as people. It was an amazing experience."

The researchers not only learned about the artists, but the interdisciplinary context in which that art form flourished, according to Dr. André.

"You have art, you have history, you have culture, you have politics, you have literature. You have a whole philosophical and interdisciplinary ideology behind this. You're not just learning about one culture and its people, but you're growing as an individual," she said.

Dr. André is currently collaborating with another Hope student, junior Taylor Mills of Burlington, Vermont, on putting the research information into a digital format. The two attended a conference on the use of digital media in the liberal arts in late summer at Hamilton College in New York. A composite moral philosophy and psychology major at Hope, Mills says working on this initiative with Dr. André encompasses all of what a liberal arts education should be.

"Not only has it augmented my academic and technological abilities, but also I have developed wonderful relationships. Professor André has become a sensational mentor and good friend through this project and the week-long conference we attended," she said.

The work of Dr. André and the other GLCA researchers will be going into a digital map as well as a book, and many of the research materials may also end up as a part of a course on Mexico that could be taught on GLCA campuses, or possibly even through some type of distance learning program.

"Each of us will create a unit and hopefully team-teach a class. For example, the professor from DePauw will allow me to use his research material and his teaching units on the urban aspect of Mexico City, and I will grant him access to my research and teaching units on Mexican avant-garde movements," Dr. André said.

In the end, the research project in Mexico gave Dr. André and her students the opportunity to experience the artists and the history of that era first-hand. And to her, there's nothing better.

"It's like being a reporter. I always wanted to be a reporter. You go to the source. What better research than to go to the source?"



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Meghan Loree

ARTIFACTS AMONG US

Photographer Steve Nelson of the art faculty has long been interested in the relationship between industry, community and nature in the context of past and present, a fascination that stems from his exploration of an abandoned sand-mining facility while growing up in Muskegon, Michigan.

“My photographs question the illusion of purpose and function,” said Professor Nelson, an associate professor of art who has taught at Hope since 1989. “What was the function of these spaces? What will that function be in the future? Will the spaces ever find a function, or will they continue to decline and ultimately face demolition?”

As an undergraduate, he photographed artisans in Guatemala who found their traditional hand-

crafting being replaced by mass-produced goods. More recently, he has chronicled ruined abbeys in England (“communities of industry in addition to serving a religious function”) and abandoned industrial facilities in rural Michigan that provide a relatively modern counterpart to the centuries-old sites on the other side of the Atlantic.

His latest study has focused on an abandoned paper mill in Plainwell, Michigan. His exploration, *After Operations*, was displayed in the mill itself in an exhibit that ran this summer along with *Exposure Pathways*, a sculpture installation by artist Sarah Lindley of Kalamazoo College, in conjunction with a traveling Smithsonian exhibition, *The Way We Worked*.

After Operations will soon be traveling, beginning

with Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan, this spring. Professor Nelson hopes that his art facilitates discussion as the people of the present navigate the world in which they find themselves and the relics of the past.

“I’m interested in being part of a larger dialogue with other scholars and artists in discussing issues of industry and community and where they cross over,” he said. “I hope that the questions raised through the photographs contribute to the conversation about purpose and function and our perceptions of the past, present and future conditions.”

More about Professor Nelson and his work is available online at stevenelsonphotography.com.



“In one case you see a crossword puzzle book that was left in the middle. The site was in operation for 100 years. People walked away and nature relatively immediately began to take over.”

“I want to bring objects from a distance into proximity so that you can have a greater appreciation for function and form and how they have meaning for our existence even though they’re abandoned.”





“The landscape here is actually entering the space. You have this 19th-century architecture that’s allowing the landscape to exist.”

“I use color and black-and-white for different reasons. The black-and-white seems more monolithic and monumental, and the color seems to be more about the immediacy and in the moment.”



STUDENT PROFILE

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Jean Luc Miralda '17
Tegucigalpa, Honduras



*Far from Home,
Right at Hope*

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

Growing up in a country where soccer is king and almost every other athletic activity is treated like the court jester, Hope College junior Jean Luc Miralda found a sport that fit his gregarious, expressive personality.

Actually, it would be more appropriate to say the sport found him.

In Honduras, the “beautiful game” captivates the nation like no other. Soccer reigns glorious in Honduran hearts and minds, and Miralda is no exception. He loves the sport like any fanatic should. Eats up every bit of news about his national team. Can kick around the soccer ball with above-average aplomb.

But like any good court jester playing beside his majesty, Miralda uses his own brand of individuality to create performances of his choosing. Guided into swimming by his parents at the age of two, the Honduran happened upon his eventual chosen sport – diving – out of sheer boredom and unmitigated magnetism. There is simply no better way to explain it.

Now, the once accidental diver is a two-time All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) athlete, a four-time Hope College record-holder, and a 2016 Rio Olympics hopeful. Not bad for a court jester who gave the king the boot.

“I was 10 years-old,” Miralda begins to retell his aquatic tale, “and one day I was getting bored at swimming practice, doing the same thing in the pool every day, down and back, down and back. So, I just started doing backflips off the pool deck. The national diving coach saw me, and he came up to me and said, ‘Boy, you got talent. You want to be a diver?’”

The boy did, but he had to get permission from his parents first. All three of his brothers swam, so Miralda was expected to swim, too. Yet, his parents—Wilmer Miralda, a civil engineer, and Ivonne Nasser, a cosmetologist—knew they had free spirit in their own gene pool. After some serious household debate and after winning two gold medals in Latin American youth competitions a year after he started, Miralda was hooked on diving and his parents approved... but with two stipulations: Work hard in school, too, and aim high.

“My parents expect the best out of all of us (brothers)” Miralda says, who graduated from the American School of Tegucigalpa, Honduras’ capital. “I’m grateful that they allowed me to be the first in the family to try something different. Diving was something no one else did and I liked the uniqueness of it. I like to follow my own path. I guess it’s just who I am.”

His Hope diving coach, Zack Golin, likes who Miralda is, too: that fun guy who lightens up van rides and the pool deck with his idiosyncratic humor, and that passionate diver who wants to make his parents, school, and country proud. When Miralda arrived at Hope and stepped his bouncing feet onto the fiberglass diving boards in Hope’s Kresge Natatorium, Golin saw a raw set of skills but excellent mechanics. Old wooden diving boards were all Miralda had to train on in Honduras, and they limited his flight time

and dive difficulty. But after two seasons at Hope, Miralda’s scores started to soar (he was one position away from making the NCAA Division III national meet last year) while his massively extroverted and joyful personality remained grounded.

“Jean Luc makes his presence known on the pool deck and it’s amazing to see how much our divers, and even competitors, lighten up when he is cracking jokes and trying to make friends with everyone he sees,” says Golin. “The fun spirit and passion that we bring into the pool is contagious and Jean Luc is a major contributor to that. Sometimes I swear he knows every diver in the country.”

With his third Hope diving season just barely underway, Miralda has set three goals that could be attained within the next six months: win the MIAA league meet, qualify for the NCAA Division III national meet, and receive an invitation to represent Honduras at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Admittedly, the first two are realistically within Miralda’s reach; the third is a bit tenuous, especially after a trying experience while diving in an outdoor pool and El Nino winds at the Central American and Caribbean Games in Veracruz, Mexico, a year ago. There, at a major Olympic qualifier, he finished 11th and 12th on the one- and three-meter boards, respectively. He needed to finish in the top three for automatic selection, but he will get another opportunity to qualify at the upcoming FINA Diving World Series.

Like his entry into diving, Miralda found Hope by accident, too. And, once again, he cut another trail away from family norms. Each of his brothers is a Worcester (Massachusetts) Polytechnic University alum or student, and each is an engineer. The third-oldest Miralda “stumbled upon” Hope through the common application process, and, now as a communication major and leadership minor, is currently, and appropriately, researching comparative, cross-cultural happiness depicted in photos and narrative responses with Dr. Dede Johnston, professor of communication. After he graduates, Miralda wants to work as a leader in mentorship programs for youth. That makes perfect sense, for this young man of influence is also a leader in Hope’s Student Congress and Latin Student Organization as well as the initiator of a proposed trustee mentor program with Dean Richard Frost.

“Jean Luc is incredibly engaging and very unafraid. His self-confidence is one of his greatest assets,” says Ernesto Villarreal, Hope’s assistant director of multicultural education. “He has travelled so far from home and has grabbed the proverbial bull by the horns. And to his credit, he has found people to walk alongside him.”

“Coming to Hope was the best decision I could have made,” declares Miralda. “I never thought I’d love a place as much as I love Hope or as much as I loved home. I’m in a great community and have an awesome host family. My team is super supportive. I’m comfortable being exactly who I am here. I don’t feel like an outsider or another number. I am Jean Luc bringing new ideas and making a difference.”



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An active fall featured beloved traditions and new beginnings as the extended Hope family has continued to celebrate the college's sesquicentennial—and to look ahead to the years to come.

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ALUMNI PROFILE



A GREATER PURPOSE

By Chris Lewis '09



Since graduating from Hope, Vidhan Rana '08 has traveled thousands of miles away from the campus to fulfill his vocation in Nepal, the country in which he was born and raised. Yet, despite his

distance from the college, his experiences at Hope remain ingrained in him daily, as he has been inspired to live a life of service that is dedicated to enriching others' lives—just as Hope enriched his.

With this commitment to service in mind, he has established Biruwa Ventures, an organization based in Kathmandu, which offers business consulting, mentoring and seed capital to start-ups and growth-phase companies. In addition, he is passionate about education. In fact, ever since he was a Hope student, he has volunteered on behalf of an effort that supports schools across Nepal, an initiative that became critical in the wake of the multiple earthquakes that have struck the nation since April.

Rana's journey to Hope, and eventual discovery of a service-oriented life, began during his senior year at Budhanikantha School, when he learned about the college from Utsab Khadka '06 and Shova KC '07, recent graduates of the high school who were also Hope students. He liked what he learned about Hope, and was intrigued by the concept of studying abroad, due to the political turmoil that was occurring in Nepal at the time, as the country was in the midst of a decade-long civil war.

After moving to Holland, he committed his time and talents to academic work and campus life, and became acclimated to American culture as he pursued a degree in business management and economics; was accepted as a member of the Baker Scholars, an honors program for economics, management and accounting students; and participated in international education events like "IMAGES: A Reflection of Cultures."

He also spoke with friends who were involved in service-focused activities like mission trips. Before long, he realized just how meaningful a life of selflessness could be.

"I began to think about how I could help Nepal, so the career I chose is a result of the inspiration I received at Hope," Rana said. "Without this inspiration for service, I would have never returned to Nepal."

An alumnus brings Hope to Nepal

He continued, "There is a greater purpose to life than just caring for yourself. If there is any way I can contribute towards helping other people improve their lives, I feel I should do something about it."

In the meantime, during the first semester of his junior year, a monumental event transpired: the Comprehensive Peace Accord was signed in November 2006 between the Nepali government and the Unified Communist Party of Nepal, thereby ending the civil war.

"When the peace treaty was signed, I immediately began to make plans to move back to Nepal after my graduation from Hope," Rana said. "And I started to look into ways I could contribute towards the development of the country."

He soon learned about the Santi School Project, a nonprofit organization that was building a school in Ramche, a remote village east of Kathmandu. After talking to the nonprofit's founder, Christopher Heun, on Skype, Rana pledged to raise \$5,000 for the school. He spoke to friends, faculty and staff members at Hope about the cause and even held a fundraiser at Holland's Third Reformed Church. Ultimately, he surpassed his goals and raised more than \$10,000.

Rana has been actively engaged with the organization ever since, as he has helped a variety of other schools improve their infrastructures as well.

"Through our experiences in Ramche, we realized that there are many government schools in Nepal that need outside help, as the government's allocated budget is barely high enough for them to operate," Rana said.

The Santi School Project's efforts focus especially on offering reconstruction and infrastructure support—mainly to government and community-owned primary schools—an emphasis that became even more crucial on April 25 of this year, when a 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck Kathmandu and its surrounding areas. According to the United Nations, 870,000 school children were directly affected by the devastation, as nearly 5,000 schools were completely destroyed and more than 16,000 schools were damaged and left unsafe.

Since then, more than 400 aftershocks have occurred, including an earthquake that measured 6.9 on the Richter scale on May 12. Economic

expenditures are currently estimated at more than \$5 billion—and are steadily rising.

"The school we originally built, along with four other schools we reconstructed nearby, were severely damaged," Rana said. "These schools will now need to be rebuilt. We have raised more than \$200,000 so far to rebuild around 20 schools in all."

It's an effort that has even extended back, appropriately, to Hope. To help Rana raise further funds for the Santi School Project, Shubham Sapkota '15, a native of Nepal who is currently studying at the University of Denver (Colorado), and Amy Otis-De Grau '96, director of international education, established a framework for fundraising events on Hope's campus.

Although Sapkota has never met Rana, he reached out to him after the earthquakes to see how he could help.

"I had just finished college and I was still in the Holland area, so it was a perfect time for me to coordinate efforts from various Hope connections," Sapkota explained. "I basically acted as a bridge between Hope's international education department and Vidhan's efforts for earthquake relief."

In November, international education's cross-cultural showcase, "IMAGES: A Reflection of Cultures," featured the Santi School Project in a five-minute presentation, following in suit with previous showcases that have donated to causes such as typhoon relief in the Philippines and earthquake relief in Japan and Pakistan. The department's International Food Fair will also highlight the nonprofit in February.

The connections are certainly meaningful to Rana, as they provide a fitting link to his own experiences on campus, which he never would have imagined 10 years ago.

"Some of my fondest memories from Hope are of rehearsals and the 'IMAGES' shows, as well as the Nepali cuisine I cooked during the International Food Fair," Rana said. "Aside from making my transition into a completely new environment as smooth as possible, the international education department also opened my eyes to different cultures and perspectives. It helped me expand my knowledge so that I became a more open and accepting person."

ALUMNI PROFILE

A life-long dream of professionally performing music and touring has become reality for Eve Panning '15, who has been selected to join the prestigious string group Barrage 8. A recent Hope College graduate, Panning double majored in violin performance and instrumental music education.

Panning originally came to Hope to study in the pre-veterinary program. However, she quickly became involved in different ensembles like the Symphonette and Jazz Arts Collective, which exposed her to a variety of performance settings.

"I knew Hope had a fantastic violin professor and a great music department where I could explore different options and get the individual attention that wouldn't be possible in a conservatory," Panning said.

Panning began playing the violin at age six and invested in classical violin lessons at Indiana University. With the guidance of mentors and teachers, she continued to study classical violin and fiddling, playing weddings and musical festivals. Panning cites these experiences — as well as playing music with her family — as the encouragement and opportunity she needed to experiment with different genres, learn to play by ear and improvise.

While cultivating her musical skills and knowledge through the music department at Hope, Panning found a mentor in Dr. Mihai Craioveanu, a professor of violin.

"Eve and I had many conversations about her future professional plans and aspirations. She conveyed to me her passion for performance and touring," Dr. Craioveanu said.

In March 2015, Dr. Craioveanu received word of national auditions for Barrage 8 and recognized a perfect fit for Panning. Realistically aware of the competitive process she was embarking on, Panning submitted her portfolio to the search committee. Weeks later she was invited for a live audition in Chicago. After her audition, she was invited to join Barrage 8.

"Following the outcome of the selection process, the national search committee told me how impressed they were with Eve's overall application and audition. She was an ideal candidate," Dr. Craioveanu said.

Both Panning and Dr. Craioveanu credit the college's music department with the preparation it provided.

"At Hope, Panning was able and encouraged to explore various aspects of music. She benefited from many performing opportunities which at larger universities are normally reserved for graduate programs," Dr. Craioveanu said.

Panning has relocated to Miami and began rehearsing with the rest of the Barrage 8 cast in September. While she knows the touring schedule will be rigorous, Panning is thrilled to travel to different countries while doing what she loves.

"It was a real pleasure working with Eve; she has a bright future ahead. Her recent accomplishment marks a very important step in her professional journey," Dr. Craioveanu said.

Originally based out of Calgary, Canada, Barrage is a violin-based, modern world beat ensemble. With a blend of contemporary string arrangements and high-energy choreography, Barrage has toured in over 27 countries since 1996. They have since rebranded as Barrage 8 and moved headquarters to Florida, all the while keeping the same performance energy and musical diversity. A global tour will begin in January 2016.

This story has been reprinted from the college's website. Please visit the college online to enjoy many more stories about the people of Hope.

Violin Major to Tour the Globe with High-Energy Ensemble

By Emilie DeFrain '15



As a 23-year-old and recent Hope graduate working for my *alma mater*, I anxiously awaited my first official “alumni visit.” The date was October 9, 2006 and the place was a popular bohemian hangout, the Rose Café, in Venice (think L.A. beaches and boardwalks, not grand Italian canals and mazelike streets). I was in California for a Hope event and had time for a quick breakfast appointment before flights back to a much colder Michigan. My goal was to meet and thank a 1984 alumna who had been supporting the Hope Fund consistently since graduation. I didn’t know then that I would create a meaningful connection with an amazing person I have the pleasure of working with still today.



Alumni Association President Vicki Brunn '84 and Scott Travis '06 en route to the Alumni Board's meeting in October.

The typical alumni biography for Vicki Brunn '84 is impressive enough. She has been senior counsel at Amgen, a biotechnology company, since 2007. She completed a master's degree in child development at University of California-Davis in 1988, and a law degree at Loyola in 2004. Her career experience has included serving as a senior child life specialist at UCI Medical Center; as coordinator of child life services at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center; and as an attorney with two different firms. She has provided *pro-bono* public counsel and is a past vice president of the board of directors of the Starlight Children's Foundation. At Hope she majored in psychology and minored in economics. She was involved as a student with the Alpha Gamma Phi sorority, Nykerk, the *Anchor* newspaper and the pep band.

However, typical biographical summaries rarely tell the whole story. When I met with Vicki almost a decade ago she shared that she would like to get more involved at Hope. So she did. In 2011 she joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors. She also shared that someday she would like to start an endowment. So she did. In 2012 she established the Teresa Emeline Brunn Psychology Fund, providing resources that empower Hope students to explore foster care and children's advocacy.

At one point, she decided she would like to summit Mount Kilimanjaro. So, 19,341 feet later, she did. Later, she decided that she would like to foster elephants. So, through the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, she did. Ishanga and Kibo are now rescued and protected in Kenya thanks to her philanthropy.

This year, she was asked to serve as president of the Hope College Alumni Association. We're glad she agreed to do that, too.

To learn more about Vicki, the Alumni Board and other stories of meaningful connections made by alumni, families and students, check out our new blog at blogs.hope.edu/alumni.

WINDOW TO HOPE'S HISTORY



The annual Student Activities Fair provided an apt prelude to the groundbreaking for the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center on Monday, Aug. 30. Hope selected a similarly fitting occasion, immediately following the Homecoming Parade, to inaugurate construction of its predecessor, the DeWitt Student and Cultural Center, on Saturday, Oct. 19, 1968. Dedicated on Oct. 23, 1971, DeWitt was built primarily as a space for students, but of necessity became an administrative hub when the April 1980 burning of Van Raalte Hall displaced numerous college offices that had no place else to go. While DeWitt continued to house student organizations (as well as the Department of Theatre, Kletz and later the bookstore), the new center, scheduled for completion in 2017, will realize a long-awaited return to a cherished vision. Pictured holding the shovel at center during the 1968 ceremony are Ron Hook '69 and Shirley Lawrence '69, Student Senate president and vice president respectively; they are flanked by brothers Richard DeWitt '31 and Jack DeWitt '32, who made a major gift on behalf of the project.

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Juan Carlo Muñoz '00, Holland, Michigan	Katie Bauman '03 Schubert, Frankfort, Illinois
David Stavenger '65, Midland, Michigan	Sam Tzou '13, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Jodi Kurtze '01 Wickersheimer, Chicago, Illinois	Matt Wixson '08, Ann Arbor, Michigan
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All submissions received by Public Affairs and Marketing by Tuesday, Nov. 2, have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, Feb. 2.

40s

Don DeKraker '40 has relocated to Tinley Park, Illinois, to be closer to his family, which includes two daughters, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. His daughter reports that it is nice to have him nearby for visits and celebrations, reliving great memories and making new ones. He was honored at a Fourth of July parade this year for his World War II Air Force heroics. He enjoys his crossword and word search games daily and is always ready for bingo.

Arthur "Bud" Van Eck '48 celebrated his 90th birthday with 144 family and friends from all over the U.S. on Tuesday, June 2. He flew to Washington, D.C., on an honor flight for World War II veterans. His own community of Fife Lake, Michigan, honored him by selecting him as grand marshal of the Fourth of July parade. His wife, **Beatrice VanHeest '53 VanEck**, joined him.

50s

Myron "Mike" Van Ark '51 and Mae Van Ark celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 24. **Norman Gysbers '54** of Columbia, Missouri, retired from the department of educational, school and counseling psychology at the University of Missouri, on Monday, Aug. 31, after 52 years of service. Upon retirement he was awarded the title curators' professor emeritus.

Bill Heydorn '55 of Belvedere Tiburon, California, was a member of a team invited by a hospital in Taiwan that sought to maintain accreditation by Joint Commission International.

Jack Faber '59 retired at the end of May from practicing dentistry for five decades in his hometown of Zeeland, Michigan. In 1961 he married **Judy Eastman '61** and graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School in 1963. After serving two years in the Navy at the U.S. Naval Training Base in Waukegan, Illinois, they came back to Zeeland, where he started his own practice.

60s

George Bitner '60 of Spring Lake, Michigan, coached the Spring Lake High School girls golf team to its second consecutive Division 3 state

championship this fall. The team won by 70 strokes and the best score in any division, and five golfers received state awards (team member Anna Kramer, who was the Division 3 individual medalist, is the younger sister of Hope freshman golfer Ben Kramer). George, who has been coaching for more than 50 years, started the school's girls golf program in 1980.

Kathryn Kurth '60 Scudder of Dearborn, Michigan, released her second book, *Prayer Thoughts for Every Day*. It consists of a Bible quotation and prayer for each day of the year.

L. William Kuypers '61 reports that it is hard to imagine that 50 years ago this summer he was discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps and their prestigious band, The President's Own. At the band's alumni reunion, he performed in concerts on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 14–15 in Washington, D.C. The concerts were performed at the West Terrace of the Capitol and the Sylvan Theater at the

base of the Washington Monument. They were lead by former leaders and included spirited renditions *The Marines' Hymn*, *The Stars and Stripes Forever* and other concert favorites. The band's alumni had many memories to share. Everything from the Kennedy funeral to unexpected situations at the White House with various presidents and grueling domestic concert tours was rehearsed and perhaps embellished. He began his illustrious career as a French horn player with the band after graduation. Following that four-year enlistment, he was a member of the National Symphony for another four years. His 38-year tenure with the New York Philharmonic began subsequently. **Marietta Workman '63 Driscoll** of Brighton, Michigan, moved this summer to be closer to children and grandchildren.

Russ Harmsen '63 and his wife, Margo Harmsen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March with a tour of Europe in May.



A New Generation

Hope celebrates every student, whether the first in the family to attend or the 70th, but it says something important about the college that each year some 100-plus members of the newest class have ancestral ties, reflecting, it must be fair to say, that past experience was positive. Who, after all, would want anything less for their child or grandchild (or great-grandchild...)?

In this sesquicentennial year, 103 members of the freshman Class of 2019 have direct family connections that collectively span nearly the whole of the college's history. Pictured from left to right are several of this year's Third-, Fourth- and Fifth-Generational New Students: **Row 1:** Mackenzie

Mitchell (third), Monika DeWitt (third), Abigail Brinks (third), Kirsten Van Wieren (third), Carolyn Williams (third); **Row 2:** Jack Veld (fourth), Megan Clark (third), Jessica Drew (fourth), Mackenzie Greendyke (third), Allie Donaldson (fourth), Katarina Zomer (third), Emily Hofmeyer (third), Annie Veld (fourth); **Row 3:** Ben Stryker (fourth), Zachary Buys (fourth), Seth DeWitt (fourth), Colin Baron (third), Abigail Cole (fifth), Madison Lynema (third), Elizabeth Fris (fifth), Tessa De Young (third).

The full list of all of this year's Generational New Students, and their Hope ancestry, is available online.

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David Scott '63 and his wife, **Janice Coon Scott '64**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August.

Paul Swets '63 of Holland, Michigan, has written a book, *Finding Happiness, Building Great Relationships*.

Albert McGeehan '66, and **Barbara Freggens '66 O'Brien** met by pure accident and a little detective work by Barbara, after a dinner table mate told Barbara that he had met a mayor of Holland, Michigan, on the Celebrity ship cruise to the Baltic in May.

Albert Vander Meer '67 completed his last specialized interim at Heartland Community Church in Lafayette, Indiana, in June, but, he is still serving the Illiana-Florida Classis, as the temporary president. Illiana-Florida has a membership of more than 8,000 and is the third-largest classis in the RCA.

Mary vanReken '69 of Hixson, Tennessee, was a Ph.D. clinical psychologist for more than 35 years, treating a full range of mental, emotional and behavioral disorders in both inpatient and outpatient medical and psychiatric settings. She obtained her doctorate in clinical psychology from Purdue University (1977) and is a psychologist emeritus in the state of Minnesota, having retired in 2013. Since her retirement, she and her partner, Gayle, have sold their house and belongings in Minneapolis, bought a 19-foot travel trailer and have been traveling slowly in the West. They have spent a couple winters at Vail, Colorado, where she worked part-time as a

downhill ski instructor, teaching three- to six-year olds how to ski. They are now traveling in the Rocky Mountains and plan to head toward Washington and Oregon.

Mary Richards '69 Watson returned in July after serving at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel, for three-and-a-half-years with her husband, Jerry. Along with volunteers from more than 60 countries, they supported the work of the Baha'i faith around the world from its spiritual and administrative center. Living and working alongside the Baha'i Gardens, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008, was a special privilege and bounty for Mary and her husband.

70s

Bart Merkle '71 of Allendale, Michigan, is retiring after 31 years as the dean of students at Grand Valley State University.

Hendrika Vande Kemp '71 retired from clinical practice and moved to Durham, North Carolina, where she hopes to make good use of the libraries available to her in The Research Triangle for continued writing on clinical psychology and the history of psychology.

Kathryn Page '72 Camp of Munster, Indiana, has published the second edition of *In God We Trust: How the Supreme Court's First Amendment Decisions*

Affect Organized Religion. Written in plain English for laypeople, *In God We Trust* provides a neutral summary of the First Amendment's historical background and the Supreme Court cases interpreting it.

James Moore '72 of Woodstock, New York, has recently retired after 39 years of full-time ministry in the United Methodist Church. He served as a parish pastor in Callicoon, New York (1976-82), Warwick, New York (1982-97) and Hyde Park, New York (1997-2007), and then was appointed superintendent of the Catskill Hudson District, where he served until July. In retirement, he is making himself available for interim ministries and pulpit supply and hopes to play more tennis and golf while also continuing to enjoy being a grandfather.

Holly Nelmes '72 Moore of Woodstock, New York, after retiring from a career as an elementary school teacher, completed a master's degree at the Graduate School of Religion in Fordham University in 2013. Her concentration was in the field of spiritual direction and she now works with individuals and groups as a spiritual director. She also offers retreat leadership and serves as the summer program director at Kinswood, a United Methodist camp.

Jennifer Gould '73 of Byron Center, Michigan, taught workshops this summer on indigo dyeing using shibori techniques and surface design with contemporary embroidery.

Sally Plagenhoef '73 Morris has retired after 35 years of teaching and

high school counseling in the Palm Beach County, Florida, school system. She has returned to Holland, Michigan, to be closer to relatives.

Margaret King-Howard '74 was the speaker on Sunday, Aug 16, at the dedication services of The Rottschaefer Daycare Inc. She is employed as an educator by the Baldwin County Board of Education in Bay Minette, Alabama.

Joan Lautenschleger '74 of Brookline, Massachusetts, was a panelist at Hope College for "Women in the Workplace: a Conversation with Hope Alumni" on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Bill DeBlock '75 and Mark Convo '75, along with their wives, were members of the studio audience during a September taping of ABC's *The Chew*. Having spent his career working for ABC television and earning four technical Emmys, Bill was able to acquire VIP tickets and enjoy some backstage reunions with former colleagues.

Laurie Shiflett '75 McNamara of Richmond, Texas, retired from Anadarko Petroleum Corporation as land manager, Maverick Basin in June 2012. She reports that she spends her summers in Cedar, Michigan, and loves it.

Glenn Pfeiffer '75 of Trabuco Canyon, California, holds the Warren and Doris Uehlinger Professorship in Business at Chapman University in Orange, California. In addition, he is currently the vice chancellor of academic administration at Chapman University.

Michael VandenBerg '76 of Indianapolis, Indiana, has begun to build a non-conventional congregation that intentionally is without permanent space and has chosen to sell its facilities to use the resources for direct ministry to the Lawrence/Indianapolis urban area.

Kim Zimmer '77 played Gypsy Rose Lee in the production of *Gypsy* on July 10-19 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sharon Adcock '78 served as a judge for and was a presenter at the 2015 Eclipse Awards, honoring excellence in film and video in Western Michigan. Sharon also arranged for other prestigious award-winning film and television professionals from London, New York, Toronto, and Los Angeles, including producers from Emmy-winning television shows *Modern Family* and *Banshee*, to be judges for this year's Eclipse Awards.

Jim Dykstra '78 of Zeeland, Michigan, was recently installed as pastor of the River Christian Reformed Church in Allegan, Michigan.

Keith Cahoon '79 of Plainwell, Michigan, has retired after 34 years of teaching high school and middle school vocal music (three years in Sturgis, South Dakota and 31 years in Plainwell). He is

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Kathleen McGookey '89 and **Matthew Baker '08** presented the 10th Annual Tom Andrews ('84) Memorial Reading at Hope through the Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series on Thursday, Sept.

24. Kathleen is the author of the prose-poem collections *Whatever Shines*, *October Again*, *Mended* and *Stay*, and the forthcoming (spring 2017) *At the Zoo*, and the translator of *We'll See*, a book of prose poems by contemporary French poet Georges Godeau. Matthew writes books and stories for children and adults, and his children's novel *If You Find This* was published earlier this year. He's also collaborating on a video game with a programmer and collaborating with an artist on a graphic novel. Both writers have also had multiple pieces published in journals and anthologies.

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currently a tour director for Bob Rogers Travel, which specializes in student music group tours.

Sharon Carnahan '79 of Winter Park, Florida, has received the 2015 Florida Campus Compact Engaged Scholarship Faculty Award in the Independent Colleges and Universities Sector. This annual award honors one faculty member in Florida who has the most outstanding record of leadership in community engagement with students, and related research. Dr. Carnahan is a professor of developmental psychology and executive director of a laboratory school.

Dale Quackenbush '79 of Holland, Michigan, retired in 2011 and will soon have a kidney transplant. He plans to return to New York and will search for a counseling position or a church to help out.

80s

Martha "Marty" VandenBerg '80 Richardson is the senior vice president with Old National Bancorp's capital markets team within the corporate treasury department.

Sheryl Busman '80 VanderWagen recently completed her third term (six years) as president of the Midwest Antiochian Women for the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest (Antiochian Archdiocese of North America). She has also retired from her position as church school director for St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, after 10 years. In July, she was elected to serve a two-year term as secretary of the North American Board of the Antiochian Women for the Archdiocese of North America. She is also a member-at-large on the steering

committee of the MIUG (Michigan Innovative Users Group) and serving on the program committee for the IUG (Innovative Users Group) for the 2016 annual conference.

Nancy Kropf '81 was appointed dean of the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions at Georgia State University.

Lori Sievert '81 Sanders of Hamilton, Michigan, retired in June after 32 years teaching at the elementary school level within Hamilton Community Schools. She continues to teach two days a week for the district in the newly organized Home School Connection and helps out at the convenience store she and her husband, **Jon Sanders '83** own in Ferrysburg, Michigan.

Gaye van den Hombergh '81 of Lincolnshire, Illinois, was a panelist at Hope College for "Women in the Workplace: a Conversation with Hope Alumni" on Thursday, Oct. 22.

John Votaw '81 of Alpharetta, Georgia, retired from Emory University as a professor of radiology and physics, and vice chair for research in radiology. He reports that he is enjoying spending time with his wife, woodworking, completing home projects and playing golf.

Douglas Braschler '82 is the new director of national accreditation and special programming with the Department of Education at Hope College. He has spent the last 32 years with Hamilton Community School District, the last 11 as high school principal.

Tom Barthel '83 spoke at Hope College and coached voice students on Tuesday, Oct. 20. He is the deputy director of the International Opera Studio and has a distinguished career as an opera coach and conductor in Europe.

Rich Kennedy '83 and Greg Weber were married on Sept. 3, 2015, in Orlando, Florida, after nearly 29 years together.

Jane VanderHaar '83 VanEs of Limuru, Kenya, was a panelist at Hope College for "Women in the Workplace: a Conversation with Hope Alumni" on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Jeff Beswick '84 of Grand Haven, Michigan, has been named to the 2016 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He works for Varnum.

Bruce Mulder '84 is pastor at First Presbyterian, Ionia, Michigan.

Jane Abe '86 received the Lifetime Achievement Award, 2014-15 from the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Greg Fuchs '86 spoke during Chapel at Hope on Friday, Oct. 23.

Cheryl Gabriel '86 spoke during the mathematics colloquium at Hope on "Actuarially Speaking: Life in a Top-Ranked, Little Understood Math Profession" on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Jeff Harden '87 received a Master of Arts degree in education – secondary teacher education from the University of Phoenix in 2015. He is a business teacher at Britton Deerfield High School.

Pam Ourada '87 VanPutten of Holland, Michigan is the coordinator of mentoring and internships with the studies in ministry minor program at Hope College.



Dylan "Dai" Wessman '94 was deployed as department head for internal medicine aboard *USNS Mercy* from May through September in support of Pacific Partnership, a global health engagement with the host nations of Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Vietnam. He is a staff cardiologist and program director of cardiology fellowship at Naval Medical Center San Diego and was recently elected as Fellow in the American Heart Association. He was promoted to commander in the U.S. Navy in January 2015.

Tiffany Brown '88 Balk of West Olive, Michigan, is the owner of Blueberry Haven in Grand Haven, Michigan, and appeared on Channel 8, *Eight West* on Wednesday, July 8.

Kevin Kremer '88 and his daughter, **Anna Kremer '16**, were in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in June. Anna spent the spring semester of her junior year participating in a study-abroad program in Buenos Aires, and her family came at the end to spend two weeks touring the country.

Claudia Ruf '88 after 11 years with the Beaverton School District (six years at Beaverton High School as an assistant principal and five years a Mountain View Middle School principal) accepted a position with the Hillsboro School District. On July 1, she became the new principal at Glencoe High School.

90s

Chris Carpenter '90 was part of a national task force to develop new geriatric emergency care guidelines that recently received approval from the main geriatrics organization and three major emergency medicine organizations. He and a handful of other physicians who specialize in geriatric emergency medicine also created a boot camp that helps health-care systems implement the new guidelines. They will demonstrate this boot camp training in Toronto and Brisbane, Australia, during the next year, and hope to secure funding to provide training at more hospitals in the United States within the next two years.

Brian Klaus '90 is the owner of Crust 54 in Holland, Michigan, and recently received a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence for being one of the top restaurants in Holland. His sons, **Matt '10** and **Tim '14** are managers.

Heidi Schoenberg '90 Patton and her husband, Tod Patton, still reside in Northbrook, Illinois. Heidi is a vice president, containerboard sales for Packaging Corporation of America. She and her husband have wrapped up their fifth year racing their J80 (participated in both national and international regattas) and are moving to a J88 this winter.

Amy DeVries '90 Ritsema of Zeeland, Michigan, is co-owner, CEO and CMO of OnSite Wellness, a corporate wellness vendor based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Amy and her business partner have been finalists twice for both the *Grand Rapids Business Journal* Women-Owned Business of the Year award and the Grand Rapids Chamber EPIC Award for Women-Owned Business.

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Lisa Meyers '91 Schanhals of North Muskegon, Michigan, received the Teacher of the Year award from Spring Lake High School. Her journey during the last year has been a challenging one. She suffered a stroke on Nov. 29, 2014. With experience teaching high school biology, she understood her symptoms and was able to call 911. The stroke effects were “global right sided weakness head to toe.” She reports that there are several reasons why she is doing so well, from the great medical care from Hackley Hospital Emergency in Muskegon, Michigan, to St. Mary’s

in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on to Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation and finally outpatient therapy in Muskegon. She also praises the help of her extended family. Most surprising, and overwhelming in a good way, was the outpouring of support from two communities (Spring Lake, where she teaches, and North Muskegon where her husband **Mike Schanhals '92** teaches) and Hope College, where Mike is the varsity lacrosse coach. The prayers and letters meant the world to her. The seniors from the Hope men’s lacrosse team visited, and the men’s and women’s teams sent cookies, gas cards and a great group picture. They really lifted her up. She and her family would like to thank everyone publicly and recognize the wonderful community of people that is Hope College.

Kathryn Skeen '90 Van Eeuwen has been appointed president of ATG Trust Company, a subsidiary of Attorneys’ Title Guaranty Fund Inc. She has been in the wealth-management industry for more than 20 years.

Karen Kooyman '91 Abraham is the principal of Lincoln Park Elementary School in Muskegon County.

Seth Parker '91 has moved to Indiana from Michigan and is currently working for Fort Wayne Community Schools as

the elementary mathematics curriculum coordinator.

Scott VandeHoef '91 retired this year after a full career as a flight surgeon with the USAF and three deployments.

William Charles Crowley '92 taught a series of Graham Technique master classes at Miami Arts Charter School in Miami, Florida, during May and June. He also taught a month-long Graham Technique Intensive at the Centre de Danse du Marais in Paris, France in

August. William then traveled to the United Kingdom, where he taught Graham Technique master classes and presented a lecture/demonstration at Freestyle 360 in Gloucestershire, New College Swindon in Wiltshire, and Townley Grammar School in Kent, England, in September.

Laura Liang '92 has been appointed associate dean for administration for Rutgers School of Public Health and received a Doctor of Public Health in health education and behavioral science from Rutgers School of Public Health in 2015.

James O’Neal '92 was promoted to general manager at Stanco Metal Products Inc. in October 2014. In November 2014, James was elected as a trustee to the Grand Haven Area Public Schools board.

Kristen Koole '92 Zoetewey has taken a new position as a medical social worker with Grace Hospice of Grand Rapids, Michigan. She has also maintained a small private practice specializing in aging and palliative care.

Anna-Lisa Cox '94 spoke during the history colloquium at Hope on “The First Tillers of the Land: Black Pioneers and the Movement for Freedom and Equality on the Antebellum American Frontier” on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

John Nowak '94 and Jenn Garrett Nowak announce the adoption of Isabella Marie in January. John is in operations with JPMorgan Chase and Jenn is their church’s school director.

Jennifer Syler '94 Taylor is a first- and second-grade teacher at Rosy Mound Elementary School in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Jennifer Witmer '95 Bouwman of Muskegon, Michigan, is the interim principal of Muskegon Heights Middle/High School.

Paulette Greenfield '95 of Redlands, California, has left the island paradise of Oahu, Hawaii, and moved back to her home state of California. She is currently an African animal keeper at The Living Desert, located in Palm Desert, California.

Lisa Anderschat '95 Lockman has worked as an assistant director of residence life at the University of Kentucky for 10 years.

Steve Marso '96 of Urbandale, Iowa, was recognized by Great Plains Super Lawyers 2015. He was selected by peers for the inclusion in “The Best Lawyers in America 2016” in the area of construction law. He is with Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C.

David Nicholson '96 of Toms River, New Jersey, is a district manager for General Motors. He reports that he is living the life at the Jersey Shore with his wife, son and daughter.

Sara Looman '97 Gortsema is a third-grade teacher at Peach Plains Elementary School in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Danielle Thorp '97 recently started a virtual assistant company called Virtual Felicity.

Benjamin Lappenga '99 received a Ph.D. from Fuller Seminary in 2014. He is an assistant professor of theology at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Lance Pellow '99 of Byron Center, Michigan, is an admissions representative for Hope College.

David Theune '99 of Spring Lake,



*Becca Dykstra '91 Weller
and Chris Weller '91*

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“We trust Hope implicitly. The wisdom, discernment and vision for the campus and students are evident.” This is the sentiment expressed by Becca Dykstra '91 Weller when asked why she and her husband, Chris Weller '91, felt the importance of including the college in their estate plan. Chris agrees, “We consider Hope College to be a part of the family because of our connections and history.” He adds, “Why wouldn’t you remember family in your estate plan?”

Hope is grateful to all of the 700-plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting its students and faculty. Throughout the college’s history, planned gifts from friends like Chris and Becca have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community.

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Laura Listenberger '97 of Northfield, Minnesota, who is an associate professor of biology and chemistry at St. Olaf College, and her husband Jay Demas, a member of St. Olaf's biology, physics and neuroscience faculty, each spoke at Hope through the college's Gentile Interdisciplinary Lectureship on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22-23, in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend. They

presented "The Skinny on Fat: Lipid Storage in Mammalian Cells" and "Circadian Photoreceptors, Light Pollution and the Diminishing Power of the Dark Side" respectively. Earlier in the fall, Laura received a 2015 Janet Andersen Lecture Award from the Midstates Consortium for Math and Science. The award is named for Janet Andersen, a member of the Hope mathematics faculty who died in an automobile accident in November 2005, and honors faculty at consortium-member institutions who have vigorous research programs involving undergraduates, who are exceptional mentors for undergraduate research students, who are engaged and skilled teachers, or who create interdisciplinary research opportunities for undergraduate students.

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Michigan, is in his 13th year as a high school English teacher and published his first book, co-edited with one of his students. *Elevate Empathy* is about a 250-person community book-club on bullying that David started. There are many community contributors with their own stories of being bully, bullied, and/or bystander while he also encourages other communities to go through a similar process.

Erin Thompson '99 and Harold Zald were married on April 8, 2014. They also announce the birth of Sydney Marian on July 20, 2015.

00s

Anne Cochran '00 Armstrong is the principal of Macatawa Bay Middle School.

David Fleming '00 of South Haven, Michigan, is the new chief design officer for Code Blue Corporation.

Susan E. Hinman '00 has been promoted to the rank of commander in the United States Navy. She is currently stationed in Naples, Italy, as the clinic endodontist.

Jeremy Latchaw '00 of Holland, Michigan, was selected as one of *Grand Rapids Business Journal's* 2015 "40 under Forty" business leaders. Among other activities, he is co-owner with his wife of Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt, a

consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton and a major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Lori Prysock '00 is a kindergarten teacher at Reeths-Puffer Elementary.

Chanda Wenger '00 Slenk started in October as communication specialist in the Office of Development and Alumni Engagement at Hope College.

Kathryn Visser '01 Haverdink received a BSN degree from Grand Valley State University in November 2014. She is a registered nurse at Holland Hospital and she and her husband, Brant, announce the birth of Anne Elizabeth in February 2015.

Catherine "Kate" Lowe '01 and Robert Ripley were married on Aug. 7, 2015, in Holland, Michigan.

Joel Murr '01 married Rob Oakleaf in Bronson Park in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on June 26 in a ceremony performed by the mayor.

Jennifer Schwieger '01 and Joshua Graham were married on Sept. 20, 2014 in Austin, Texas.

Matthew Sterling '01 received the Paramedic of the Year award on Tuesday, Aug. 4. He has worked for the East Lansing Fire Department for three years.

Jacob Maas '02 is the CEO of the new West Michigan Works!, which has combined four Michigan Works! agencies from seven counties.

Amber Weerstra '02 Cahill of Muskegon, Michigan, is serving on the city council as Mayor Pro Tem of

Roosevelt Park, Michigan. She was recently chosen as one of the 2015 Future 15 leaders of Muskegon County by the Muskegon County Chamber of Commerce.

Melissa Roop '02 Cordes and Christopher Cordes announce the birth of Charles Alexander on Aug. 7, 2015.

Josiah Dykstra '02 was featured in Fedscoop.com's "13 Coolest Jobs in Government" on Wednesday, Aug. 26. He is a team technical director in the laboratory for telecommunication science.

Heather Fowler-Voshel '02 is the office manager for the Office of Financial Aid at Hope College.

Nate Haveman '02 of Holland, Michigan, is an admissions representative for Hope College.

Adam Hopkins '02 and Kelley Hopkins announce the birth of Elliot Noah on Aug. 16, 2015.

Caryn Koppenhoefer '02 announces the birth of Payton Hannah on June 1, 2015. Payton joins sister Aryn and brother Benjamin.

James Scholten '02 and Lindsey Scholten announce the birth of Graham H. on Aug. 18, 2015.

Elizabeth Anne Smith '02 and Jeremiah Steele were married on July 23, 2011, and announce the birth of Watson Anthony on Nov. 9, 2015.

Daniel Bouwens '03 and Jayme Bouwens announce the birth of Nolan Daniel on Sept. 9, 2015.

John Kran '03 and Shannon Biros were married Aug. 22, 2015, in Spring Lake, Michigan.

Justin Notier '03 and Yoko Notier announce the birth of Midori Ann on Aug. 28, 2015.

Emelie Pesicka '03 is an English teacher at Whitehall High School.

Meredith TerHaar '03 is the new weekend morning news anchor and multimedia journalist for WZZM 13.

Courtney Brewster '04 is the assistant director of the college prep program in the Office of Government and Community Relations and coordinator of student success programs in the Office of Cornerstone: The Center for Advanced Learning at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ben Carlson '04 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the director of institutional asset management with Ritholtz Wealth Management.

Lindsay Close '04 has been named the diving coach of the University of New Hampshire women's swimming and diving program.

Abby Kulick '04 deRoo and **Taylor deRoo '05** announce the birth of Rudy William. He joins big brothers Murphy (four) and Harry (two).

Heidi Snoap '04 Kruizenga and Mitch Kruizenga announce the birth of Grant Israel on March 18, 2015.

Kyle Nevenzel '04 and Amber Nevenzel announce the birth of Alexander Lewis on July 30, 2015.

Mike Postma '04 of Louisville, Kentucky, has been named president of Webb Whell Products Inc.

Anna Eriks '04 Sundberg and Dan Sundberg announce the birth of Paige Lynn on May 31, 2015.

Matt Baer '05 is the dean of students at Riley Street Middle School in Hudsonville, Michigan. He and his wife,

Kate Kuipers Baer '05, have two children, Jady (five) and Hadley (three).

Jennifer Yamaoka '05 Barr earned her Ph.D. in anatomy and cell biology from the University of Iowa. She has accepted a post-doctorate position in pediatric immunology at the University of Iowa.

Caroline Camp '05 is a preschool teacher/director at Trinity Lutheran School in Red Bud, Illinois, and is also on the early childhood leadership team for the Lutheran Education Association.

Emily Schwartz '05 Hildebrant is the kindergarten teacher at Shoreline Elementary in Muskegon County.

Christopher Lam '05 and Lindsay Rodgers were married on May 9, 2015, in Chicago, Illinois. Chris is a senior manager – real estate accounting at Hyatt Hotels Corporation in Chicago, Illinois.

Lesli Fisher '05 Lavery and Richard Lavery announce the birth of Connor on July 21, 2014. The family has moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where Lesli is a clinical pharmacist of oncology at Carolina's Healthcare System Levine Cancer Institute.

Anna Marzolf '05 of Harper Woods, Michigan, was hired as foundation relations and grants officer for Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. Prior to joining, she was the grant and communication manager for the Cope Family Center in California.

Abbie Matthews '05 is the director of worship and music at Ottawa Reformed Church in West Olive, Michigan.

Gregory McBride '05 is a general surgeon with Charlevoix Area Hospital. He completed his internship and residency at McLaren Greater Lansing.

Ben Sanders III '05 is an assistant professor of theology and ethics with Eden Theological Seminary. He is a Ph.D. candidate in Christian theology and social ethics at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, where he is an adjunct faculty member.

Travis Spaman '05 is the Grand Haven High School assistant principal. He most recently was the assistant principal and athletic director at Fennville High School.

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Joseph Tolton '05 and Leigh Eason were married on May 23, 2015.

Matthew Waterstone '05 received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Western Theological Seminary. The title of his thesis was "Revival Without Revolution: The Story of How a White, Agricultural Church Became a Multi-Racial, Multi-Generational Body of Christ."

Anna DeHaan '05 White and Josh White announce the birth of Moira DeHaan on April 9, 2015.

Brandon Hazen '06 and **Kellyn Rumpsa '06 Hazen** announce the birth of Sadie Renee on July 6, 2015.

Lindsey Vugteveen '06 Helmholdt and Brian Helmholdt announce the birth of Crew Bryer on Aug. 12, 2015.

Greg Immink '06 is the physical education and guided academics teacher and varsity boys' basketball coach at Grand Haven High School.

Christopher Meeusen '06 accepted a position at Mercy Health St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He and his family spent this last year in Baltimore, where he received advanced training in the area of palliative care and hospice at Johns Hopkins. He is a graduate of MSU College of Human Medicine. He and his wife, Laura, have two sons and reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Lisa Wisniewski '06 Schindler and Rick Schindler announce the birth of Amelia Ruth on March 18, 2015. She joins big sister Natalee Rose, born on Sept. 22, 2011.

Peter Wright '06 and **Katrin Sweers '06 Wright** announce the birth of their third son, Kellen George, on July 28, 2015, in Portland, Oregon.

Charles Banyai '07 and Stacey Banyai announce the birth of Henrik Allen on Aug. 21, 2015.

William Shuman '07 received his Master of Arts in teaching from National Louis University in 2009 and his Doctor of Education in leadership in curriculum and instruction from Aurora University in 2015.

Jennifer Andrews '07 Blank is the director of development and philanthropy at the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland in Columbus, Ohio, and has a daughter, Lucy Anne, who turned one in July.

Julie Allerding '07 Clark was on the *Today Show* on Wednesday, Sept 16, with one of her students, playing "Probability Plinko," a game her student created. The *Today Show* was spotlighting innovative school teachers. She is a teacher at Pinewood Elementary School in Jenison, Michigan.

Elisabeth Lintemuth '07 Cunningham and William Cunningham announce the birth of Decker William on Oct. 14, 2015.

Laura Kawiecki '07 Heneveld and Marc Heneveld announce the birth of Aria Landon on July 1, 2015.

Jenelle Mittelstaedt '07 Ponkowski and **William Ponkowski '07** announce the birth of Michaela Rose on May 14, 2015. She joins big sisters Maria and Gabriella.

Daniel Vasko '07 is employed as a paralegal and trust funding coordinator at Douglas H McPhail PLC in Norton Shores, Michigan. He also does English and Italian legal translation for area law firms.

Kyle Waterstone '07 is the director of athletic compliance at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California. He is in the final stages of completing his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Southern California. His dissertation is titled "Financial Stability and Sustainability in Online Education: A Study of Promising Practice" and will be completed this spring. He and Ashley Dee were married on Oct. 10, 2015, in Long Beach, California.

Alexander Wood '07 and **Sarah Klotzbach '10 Wood** announce the birth of Miles Alexander on Aug. 3, 2015.

Jessica Gartner '08 of Mankato, Minnesota, was recently promoted to a senior recruiter position in the human resource department at Mayo Clinic, where she has been working for seven years. She reports that she continues to enjoy active involvement in church ministry and her community.



Brian Dryfhout '00 and his brother Jeff organized a 158-mile relay run across Illinois to raise money for Alzheimer's research (their mother, uncles and grandparents all had/have this disease) on Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20. The relay started at the Mississippi River in Clinton, Iowa, and ended 27 hours later in Munster, Indiana, with more than 30 runners participating. To date they have raised over \$18,000 for Alzheimer's research.

Maya Holtrop '08 and Laura Sheets were married on Aug. 22, 2015. They reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Maya works as a pediatrician.

Colin Lawrence '08 of Sterling, New York, reports that while studying abroad during his junior year at Hope College, he made a trip to Thailand and was confronted with a stark reality: slavery still exists. Since that time, he has dedicated himself to learning

more about the local and global efforts to combat human trafficking. This September he was sworn in as U.S. Peace Corps volunteer to start his service working with a local NGO on a human-trafficking issues in Cebu City, Philippines. "It's amazing where God will lead you in His own time," he writes. **Amy VanDerMeulen '08 Smith** and **Benjamin Smith '08** announce the birth of Lucy Katherine on March 15, 2015.

Ryan Sweet '08 and **Jaclyn Van Groningen '10 Sweet** announce the birth of Savannah Kate and Charlotte Pierce on Aug. 11, 2015.

Christopher Turbessi '08 is a new member of the Houston Grand Opera (HGO) coaching staff and the musical supervisor of HGOco, a department of HGO that focuses on connecting with the community through commissioned operas, educational shows and Houston-themed projects. He spent the summer at the Castleton Festival in Virginia, where he was the principal coach and rehearsal pianist for the world premiere of the Supreme Court-themed opera *Scalia/Ginsburg*. He was a member of the HGO Studio (a training program for young musicians) from 2013 to 2015. **Corey VanDyke '08** and **Brittany Tuinier '11 VanDyke** announce the birth of Chandler Lee on May 12, 2015. **Jennifer Mastenbrook '08 VanStrien** and Kyle VanStrien announce the birth of Austin Gerrit on April 14, 2015. He joins big sister Addilynn.



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Kevin '99 and **Tina Gill '99** **DeKam** along with **Drew '99** and **Arika Weckwert '99 Roelofs** and their families returned home this past year after serving two years as administrators at The Esther School in Zambia, Africa, a Christian day school founded by the GEMS organization. The school is the first of its kind in

the local village and surrounding area, as parents pay no school fees, but volunteer on the school campus in an active and structured P.T.O. program. The school opened its doors for the first time in the Fall of 2012 and is currently in its fourth year, serving more than 120 students each day, with an additional class being added

each year through grade 12. Students come from very rural, impoverished areas and not only receive two meals each day while at school, but are also given a well-rounded, Christian education in a classroom led by both a Zambian and North American teacher. The DeKams and Roelofs had the task of initially opening and managing the school, as well as establishing connections within the local community, while also sharing their faith through their work and relationships. They were amazed to see a community beginning to transform through the love of Christ and the gift of education. While there, both families also expanded by way of adoption; the DeKams adopting their daughter, Teya Grace, and the Roelofs adopting twins, Michael Mulenga and Faith Beauty.

Tom Yamaoka '08 earned his Master of Arts degree in sports marketing from Northwestern University in Spring 2015. **Scott Baumgartner '09** and Nicole Baumgartner announce the birth of Grace Angelie on Oct. 9, 2015. **Tiffany Timmer '09 Ellis** and Braeden Ellis announce the birth of Sawyer Brian on Oct. 13, 2015. **Heather Esfandiari '09** and Jason Dutton were married on July 25, 2015, in Leesburg, Virginia. **Marissa Grott '09** of Forest Park, Illinois, is currently the development and communications coordinator for Sarah's Inn, a community-based non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the lives of those affected by domestic violence and to break the cycle of violence for future generations. She also runs her own yoga business teaching yoga to adult and children, as well as teaching for CorePower Yoga. **Ryan Johnson '09** spoke during the mathematics colloquium at Hope on "Using Gauss Sums to Distinguish Certain Algebraic Structure" on Thursday, Oct. 15. **Jake Manning '09** is the assistant principal and athletic coordinator at Mona Shores Middle School. **Jack Nummendor '09** is the new athletic director in the Holton school district. He continues to teach mathematics in the district. **Lucas Osterbur '09** of Urbana, Illinois, was chosen by the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation as a member of its 2014 group of teaching

fellows. He is in his first year of teaching at Glenbrook South High School in Glenview, Illinois. He received his Master of Science degree in materials science and engineering in 2013 and his Master of Science degree in the teaching of chemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2015. **Kate Bultema '09 Ralston** has joined the Division of Alumni and Family Engagement at Hope College as associate director. **Alison Watchorn '09 Shores** of Tucson, Arizona, is the co-founder of Girls Can! Crate, a unique subscription box aimed at empowering and inspiring girls ages four-eight. **Shanna Mack '09 Van Kempen** of Hastings, Michigan, is a kindergarten teacher at Cummings Elementary School in Grandville, Michigan.

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Elies Aguilera '10 and Casey Sietsema were married on Sept. 11, 2015. **Rachel Hasi Moto '10** spoke during Chapel at Hope College on Wednesday, Oct 21. **Kirsten Kaufmann '10** received a master's degree in exercise science from Oakland University in December. **Marissa Kooyers '10** and Mitchell Neubert were married on June 27, 2015, in Holland, Michigan. **Ricky Rhodes '10** has joined Lakeshore Middle School as a teacher to

the cognitively impaired.

Kate Williams '10 joined Amazon.com in September as an email marketing manager.

Ashley Carter '10 Youngblood received a Master of Social Work degree from Boston University and is now both a licensed clinical social worker and a licensed marriage and family therapist.

Ross Bailey '11 and Jessica Anderson were married on Sept. 5, 2015.

Erika Bruinsma '11 and Steve Wilmers were married on Aug. 29, 2015. They both live and work in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Emily Cordes '11 graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in May and is now a resident physician in internal medicine and pediatrics at Western Michigan University School of Medicine.

Sara DeWeerdt '11 is the coach for the Zeeland East girls' volleyball team.

Samantha Hawke '11 of Roslindale, Massachusetts, began working as an impact manager with City Year in Boston in June. She and Shane Snyder were married in October 2015, in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Emily Kreichelt '11 and Jacob Hurrell were married on July 18, 2015, in Berkley, Michigan. She also received her master's in educational leadership from Marygrove College in August and is the assistant principal at Arbor Preparatory High School in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Marcella Mascorro '11 completed her autism endorsement through the autism collaborative endorsement (ACE) program. She is employed by Kalamazoo RESA and teaches in an offsite ASD room at Portage North Middle School.

Jordan Morse '11 is a special education teacher at Oakridge High School in Muskegon County.

Jeanine DeJong '11 married Kachi Mozie on July 2, 2015, in Plainfield, Illinois. They live and work in Jos, Nigeria.

Pieter Norden '11 and **Amy Alvine '12** were married on June 20, 2015, in Holland, Michigan.

Kelsey Bos '11 Reinhart and Joshua Reinhart announce the birth of June Elizabeth on Sept. 24, 2015.

Alayna Ruberg '11 is the web editor/developer at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Eric Rusticus '11 and Crystal Rusticus announce the birth of Ezekiel Henry on July 14, 2015.

Andrew Schofield '11 is a primary care sales representative for Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals.

Harrison Van Dort '11 of Los Angeles, California, has been working as a facilities coordinator at the University of Southern California since 2013.

Lyndi Weener-Kuiper '11 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a web developer at Our Daily Bread Ministries.

Kylie Topliff '11 Young spoke during the mathematics colloquium at Hope on "Actuarially Speaking: Life in a Top-Ranked, Little Understood Math Profession" on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Emilee Anderson '12 and **Steven Van Hoven '13** were married on July 18, 2015, in Holland, Michigan.

Peter Burgett '12 of Bangkok, Thailand, is teaching middle school English at ICS Bangkok. He did his student teaching there and was subsequently hired. He is beginning his third year of teaching. He and Beth Wyckoff were married on July 11, 2015.

Laine Klopfenstein '12 is currently in a dual master's degree program at Illinois Institute of Technology focusing on chemical engineering and computer science. She is also on the board of Carpe Ventus, a nonprofit mentoring organization that helps inner-city youth take positive risks by learning how to sail and windsurf. Carpe Ventus was founded by **David Foster '04** and his wife, **Erin Riley '04 Foster**.

Aaron Mutschler '12 and **Mieke Hoiksbergen '12 Mutschler** announce the birth of Lorelei Jean on Sept. 9, 2015.

Jonathan Ponte '12 of Novi, Michigan, is a firefighter for the Sterling Heights Fire Department.

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Rebekah Taylor '12 and **Brandon Folkert '12** were married on May 15, 2015. She is working at Ottawa County Department of Public Health as an environmental health specialist on the food safety team.

Chase De Maagd '13 and Laura De Maagd announce the birth of Carsen Douglas on July 15, 2015.

Amelia DeVries '13 and Joshua Lawson were married on March 21, 2015. They reside in Whitinsville, Massachusetts and both teach at Whitinsville Christian School.

Drew Gudeman '13 and **Ashley Mahar '14** were married on July 19, 2015, in Hinsdale, Illinois.

Kevin Krueger '13 is pursuing a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Marian University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sarah Krueger '13 of Waterford, Michigan, accepted a job with BNP Media as a product marketing coordinator and married Marcus Craft.

Justin Makowski '13 and **Ellyn VanderZoowen '15** were married on May 30, 2015. Ellyn is an admissions counselor for Illiana Christian High School in Lansing, Michigan.

Meredith Rice '13 was honored in the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*. Meredith and other new members of the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association were honored as the inaugural club for Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine. Meredith is the president-elect for LMU's new chapter of SCAVMA.

William Seiler '13 and **Morgan Boersma '15** were married on July 25, 2015, in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Nayeli Lopez '13 Venegas and Edgar Venegas announce the birth of Giovanni Matteo on Aug. 8, 2015.

Sarah Venlet '13 and Brandon Haan were married on Sept. 18, 2015.

Kate Bauer '14 and Joshua Webb were married on June 27, 2015, in Marshall, Michigan. Kate teaches middle school special education at Innocademy and Icademy Global in Zeeland, Michigan.

Kelsi Briegel '14 received a Master of Social Work degree from University of Michigan's accelerated program.

Amy Stauffer '14 Clifton of Evanston, Illinois, is a pediatric registered nurse at Town and Country Pediatrics in Illinois.

Andrew Cutshall '14 and **Hannah Tweed '15** were married on July 18, 2015.

Emily Hayes '14 is the assistant coach with the St. Lawrence University volleyball program.

Anne McElgunn '14 of Holland, Michigan, is an admissions representative for Hope College.

Jillian Nichols '14 is a pediatric nurse at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

Amy Pretzer '14 is serving as the community resource coordinator at Compass Housing Alliance in Seattle, Washington, for Lutheran Volunteer Corps. LVC is a national service-leadership program that unites people to work for peace with justice.



David Paul '10 of Rochester, New York, has received The William and Charlotte Cadbury Award from the National Medical Fellowships and Association of American Medical Colleges,

selected from among students nominated by medical schools across the country. An M.D./M.S. candidate at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, he is extensively involved in research and active in service in his community and nationally through organizations including Rochester's Minority Male Leadership Association, which he co-founded, and the Student National Medical Association, helping to coordinate an annual pre-medical conference for high school students and undergraduates. He will be delivering the Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Lecture at Hope on Monday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Zilong Zheng '14 of Holland, Michigan, is an associate for the Office of Admissions and Development.

Meg Berndt '15 is a registered nurse on the sixth floor of the Meijer Heart Center with Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Hannah Canniff '15 is a registered nurse on the orthopedic and total joint unit at Spectrum Health Blodgett Campus.

Carli Capestany '15 and **McLane Watson '15** were married on July 25, 2015, in Holland, Michigan.

Kaitlin Cress '15 is a third-grade

teacher at Muskegon Heights Public School.

Alex DeWaal '15 is the director of student ministries at Westwood Christian Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Olivia Husbands '15 is working with Memphis Teacher Residency (MTR) in Memphis, Tennessee. She is presently completing her master's degree in urban education and teaching sixth-grade mathematics.

Rachel Lundstrom '15 is teaching special education at Zeeland East High School.

Hunter Martin '15 is teaching at Addison High School.

Evelyn Ritter '15 won first place and \$10,000 in October from West Michigan Entrepreneur – YOU competition, sponsored by the Consumers Energy Foundation. The money will go to further her startup UMP Analytical, which provides a new, faster way to do perfluoroalkylated testing for environmental companies.

Alexis Smith '15 is the associate director of marketing and recruitment for Semester in Spain at Trinity Christian College.

Nicole Sparbanie '15 will be teaching English to seventh- through 12th- grade students and helping teachers with curriculum development and technology integration in Rwanda as a Peace Corps volunteer until December 2017.

Eric Traynor '15 is currently a technology operations associate at Charles C. Koch Institute in Arlington, Virginia.

Brook Wolthuis '15 is a registered nurse with Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in the neonatal intensive care unit.

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Deaths

The college is often privileged to receive additional information in celebration of the lives of members of the Hope community who have passed away. Please visit the expanded obituaries we have made available online if you wish to read more about those whose loss is noted in this issue.

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Margaret Steketee '33 Brunson of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. She was 103.

Survivors include her son, John (Jane) Brunson '62; daughter, Mary (Donald) Williams; and four grandchildren.

Andrew Lampen '37 of Grandville, Michigan, died on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015. He was 100.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was the president of Farm Credit Bank.

Survivors include his second wife of 13 years, Edith Lampen; brothers, Cornelius (Marilyn) Lampen '49 and Laverne (Esther Plumert '56) Lampen '56; and stepdaughters, Alison (Roger) Stelma and Renee (Lynn) Asper.

Lois Voorhorst '39 Leestma of Anaheim, California, died on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015. She was 97.

Survivors include her children, Mary Leestma '66 (David) Greve, David (Patti) Leestma, Marlene Leestma, and Mark (Julee) Leestma; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Alma Weeldreyer '40 VanHeuvelen of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. She was 96.

She taught music in Wayland and Lake Orion, Michigan, and was the organist and director of choirs for Second Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Survivors include her second husband of eight years, Harold "Van" VanHeuvelen '40; three daughters, Mary Honeysett Kuipers, Jane (Bill) Fette, and Margery (Dave) Latchaw; two step-sons, John (Nikki) VanHeuvelen and Robert (Jane Sherburne) VanHeuvelen; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and brother, James (Sue) Weeldreyer.

George VanderHill '42 of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Oct. 5, 2015. He was 95.

He served Dearborn Christian Reformed Church for 16 years and his last call was to Wheaton Christian Reformed Church, where he served for 20 years.

Survivors include his sister, Alma VanderHill '48 Holkeboer; sons, Matthew (Marjorie) VanderHill, Mark

(Marlene) VanderHill and Luke (Pamela) VanderHill; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

William DeBell '43 of North Haledon, New Jersey, died on Sunday, July 26, 2015. He was 93.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He worked with DeBell Brothers Construction.

Survivors include his nieces and nephews.

Roy Davis Sr. '44 of Anna Maria, Florida, died on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. He was 91.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

He maintained a private family practice and later served as medical director of the Ferris State College Health Center and at Kent Community Hospital.

Survivors include his children, Martha Dezwaan, Roy (Amy) Davis '82, Bonnie (Mark) Hornby, Nancy Ann (Mark) Hall and Mary (Jack) Klunder; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and fiancée, Cheryl Daniels.

Marilyn VanDyke '44 Helder and **Raymond Helder '45** of Holland, Michigan, both died in November 2015. Marilyn died on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 93, and Raymond on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 92.

She was retired from Mead Johnson. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and had been an executive vice president with People's State Bank.

Survivors include their children, Patricia Helder '67 (Peter '66) Nordstrom, William (Roxanne Helder) and Mary Anne (Reed) Bunce; nine grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Shirley Otteman '46 Outhouse of Union Springs, died on Friday, Sept. 25, 2015. She was 91.

She was a teacher at Union Springs.

Survivors include her daughters, Lora (Michael) Vazquez and Jean (Robert) Green; sons, Rob (Paula) Outhouse, David (Dawn) Outhouse and Andrew (Sabina DeWitt '92) Otteman '91; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; stepbrother, Robert (MaryJo) Jenkins; stepsister, Gail (Joe) Gilbert; and sister-in-law, Donna (Carl) Mabie.

Robert Barkema '47 of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015. He was 93.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was in sales and marketing management with Swift and Co. for 32 years.

Survivors include his second wife, Fern Barkema; children, Karen (Tom) Buyarski and Rob (Sandy) Barkema; stepchildren, Pam (Bert) Davis and Cindy (Mike) Eldem; four grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; one great-grandson; and sister, Ruth Shaw.

Clarence Hopkins '48 of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Oct. 19, 2015. He was 95.

He was preceded in death by his five brothers and two sisters.

He retired from Michigan National Bank after 30 years, serving as assistant vice president.

Survivors include his wife of more than 73 years, Eleanor Hopkins; sons, Kurt (Sharon) Hopkins and Mark (Linda) Hopkins; seven grandsons; two great-grandsons; four great-great-granddaughters; and brother-in-law, Robert Becksfort.

Ruth Jipping '48 Rewerts of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Monday, Oct. 19, 2015. She was 89.

She served congregations with her pastor husband in Illinois, Florida and Michigan.

Survivors include her sons, Ron (Sara) Rewerts '74 and Phil (Deb) Rewerts '78; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Roger Jipping; and sister, Lois (Don) Schreur.

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Peter Breen '49 of Jenison, Michigan, died on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015. He was 96.

He served in several churches in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and after retiring served as minister emeritus in the Protestant Reformed Churches.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Stegenga '48 Breen; daughter-in-law, Linda Breen; children, Stephen (Linda) Breen, Mary (James) Veldkamp, Ruth (Robert) Stacey and Elisabeth (James) Koemer; 23 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Emma Breen and Lillian (Wendell) Rooks.

Alwin Coleman '49 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Oct. 9, 2015. He was 91.

He was a veteran of World War II.

He taught high school in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and taught at the University of Maryland, Western Michigan University and the University of Cincinnati.

Survivors include his brother, Bruce Coleman; brother and sister-in-law, William "Dean" (Ruth) Manning; and special friends, Jack (Brenda Heath '77) VanderMeulen.

Wayne Hellenga '49 of Decatur, Michigan, died on Saturday, June 27, 2015. He was 88.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He taught chemistry and physics until becoming superintendent of Decatur Public Schools.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Hellenga; son, DeWayne (Lori) Hellenga; daughter, Janet Moelaart; six grandchildren; brothers, Ron (Sheryl) Hellenga, John (Sue) Hellenga and

Brian (Glenda) Hellenga; and sister, Faye (Ron) Hofmeyer.

Hugh Kinnison '49 of Gulfport, Florida, died on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015. He was 92.

He served in the 212th Bomber Training Group of the Army Air Corps and served as an aircraft hydraulic specialist for the U.S. Army.

He was a computer systems analyst for Mack Truck and General Dynamics Shipbuilding Division.

Survivors include his brother, Gerry Kinnison; daughters, Linda (James) Swearingen, Wendy (George) Nichols and Debbie (Richard) Green; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Dale Vanden Brink '49 of Rancho Palos Verdes, California, died on Sunday, July 26, 2015. He was 89.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He spent 45 years in his family practice serving in Illinois and California.

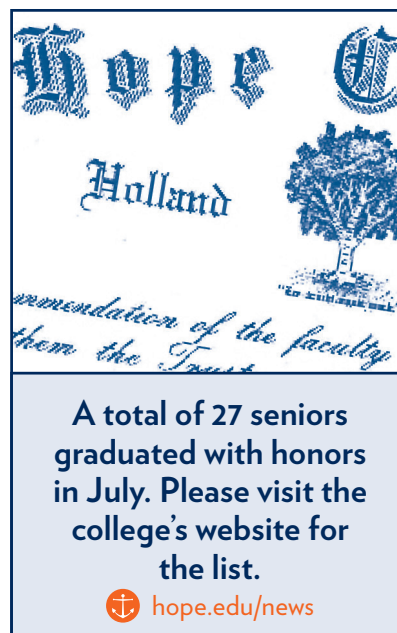
Survivors include his wife, Ellen Vanden Brink; children, Mark (Melody) Vanden Brink, Eric (Janet) Vanden Brink, Kurt (Barbara) Vanden Brink and Kris Vanden Brink; and seven grandchildren.

Clayton VanHall '49 of Midland, Michigan, died on Friday, July 31, 2015. He was 91.

He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and the Fifth Air Force.

He was an associate scientist with Dow Chemical Company.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Nancy Vyverberg '51 VanHall; daughter, Lynn (Dan) Plisek; son,



Richard (Teresa) Van Hall; four grandchildren; and sister, Edith DeHaan.

Elsa DeWitt '50 Dinger of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015. She was 86.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, John Dinger '50; children, Christine (Christopher) Adam, John Dinger Jr., Meredith Dinger, Stewart Dinger '77, Elizabeth DeWitt '79 (Steve '77) Schaftenaar and Caitlin (Fred) Talan; six grandchildren; and sisters, Mary DeWitt '55 Mitsos and Linda DeWitt '64 (David) Wesselink.

Richard (Bill) Flaherty '50 of Jensen Beach, Florida, died on Sunday, July 19, 2015. He was 90.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He taught mathematics at Zeeland Public Schools for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Pearl Flaherty; sons, Tim (Jo) Flaherty, Dan (Mari) Flaherty, Jef (Muriel) Flaherty and Nick Flaherty; daughter, Kitty Flaherty; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Beatrice Reyst '50 Hughes of Marquette, Michigan, died on Saturday, July 25, 2015. She was 87.

She was an elementary school librarian in the Marquette Public School District.

Survivors include her husband of nearly 63 years, John Hughes; three sons, Steve (Bonnie) Hughes, Paul (Gayle) Hughes and Bob (Anne Marie) Hughes; daughter, Anne (Bond) Perket; four grandchildren; and sisters, Marge (Harry) Stevens and Dot (Dave) Lynch.

Harold Mankin '50 of Williamsburg, Michigan, died on Friday, July 3, 2015. He was 89.

He served as a radio man during

World War II in the Pacific Theater.

He worked for General Motors and Jostens.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Mankin; children, Margaret (Jacques Hazan) Mankin, Todd (Carol) Juracek, Becky Juracek and Shawn (Bobbi) Secor; brother, Dale (Marie) Mankin; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Clifford Mastenbrook '50 of Grand Junction, Colorado, formerly of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015. He was 90.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He was an assessor for San Mateo County.

Survivors include his two sisters-in-law, Dee and Ruth.

Gordon Van Hoeven '50 of Spring Lake, Michigan, died on Saturday, July 11, 2015. He was 87.

He served in the U.S. Navy at the end of World War II.

Survivors include his brother, James (Marylee Roseboom '56) Van Hoeven '54; children, Steve (Maria) Van Hoeven, Carol Van Hoeven '76 (Don) Frifeldt, Joe (Alanna) Van Hoeven, and Mary Beth (Steve) Shumaker; many grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Hugh Campbell '51 of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015. He was 87.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He had an optometry practice.

Survivors include his second wife, Mary Lou Campbell; daughter, JoLynn Campbell '83 (John '81) Webster; two grandchildren; step-daughters, Diana Winsemius, and Ashley Merrick; three step-grandchildren; parents-in-law, Richard (Lucille) Gratz; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Peg (Pete) Betzinger, Jeanette (Andy) Compau, David (Laurie) Gratz, Richard (Mary) Gratz and Russell Gratz.

Robert Japinga '51 of Lakeland, Florida, died on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. He was 91.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star for combat actions.

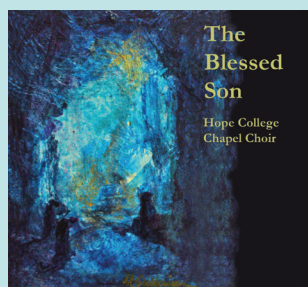
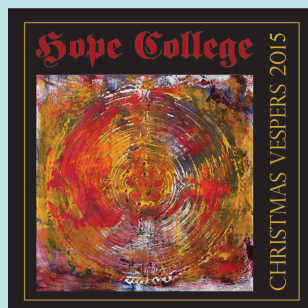
He was the distribution manager of IMC's phosphate division.

Survivors include his children, Richard (Andrea) Japinga, William (Jean) Japinga and Katherine (Derek) Whiteman; three grandsons; and brother, Norman (Shirley) Japinga.

Mary Coffey '51 Veltman of Penney Farms, Florida, died on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015. She was 85.

Survivors include her husband, Dean Veltman '50; daughters, Carol Kariotis and Cathy Dupont; sons, John (Ann) Veltman and Jim (Debbie) Veltman;

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eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Robert Roos '52 of Grandville, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015. He was 85.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He taught science and coached cross country and track for more than 30 years at Rogers High School.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Roos; children, Robert Roos, Rodney (Brenda) Roos and Anne (John) Potyraj; eight grandchildren; and sister, Louise (Richard) Hermanent.

John Van Anrooy '52 of Woodland Park, Colorado, died on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015. He was 89.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He had a career in engineering in Colorado, Texas and Michigan.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Margaret DeValois '52 Van Anrooy; four daughters, Karen Van Anrooy, Janice Van Anrooy '80, Sara Van Anrooy '82 and Mary Van Anrooy; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

John Breslin '53 of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Saturday, July 11, 2015. He was 88.

He served in World War II on the *USS Iowa*.

Survivors include his sons, Jim

(Sheila) Breslin and John (Carla) Breslin; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Doris Cooper; and in-laws, Paul (Violet) Riemersma and Nelson (Sherrill) Riemersma.

Donald Klaasen '53 of Tucson, Arizona, died on Friday, May 1, 2015. He was 84.

He retired from the University of Michigan in 1994.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Connie Ferguson '53 Klaasen; four children, Kathryn (Mark) Burchess, Cynthia Klaasen '80 (Dave) Powell, Hilarie Klaasen '83 (the late Peter) Ganas and Robert (Candice) Klaasen; and 13 grandchildren.

H. Mary LaHuis '53 Sikkema of Redmond, Washington, died on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015. She was 84.

She had a brief career as a school teacher and later performed missionary services to the citizens of Africa.

Survivors include her brother, Fred (Mary Lou); sisters, Lois, Ruth and Jean; children, Helen (Bob), Brehani, Carl (Carol) and Glenn; and three grandchildren.

Norman Thompson '53 of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015. He was 83.

He served on the Hope College Board of Trustees from 1980 to 1988 and received the Distinguished Alumni

Award in 2004.

He was appointed the first Henry King Ransom Endowed Professor of Surgery at University of Michigan.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Marcia Veldman '56 Thompson; son, Robert Thompson '79; daughters, Karen Thompson '83, Susan Thompson-Doering '87 and Jennifer Thompson '89; five grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

William Parson '54 of Tahoe City, California, died on Saturday, July 25, 2015. He was 84.

He worked in the hotel and resort business.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Parson; brother, Hendrik (Georgia) Parson '52; and sister, Christina Parson.

Shirley Hop '56 Sund of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Monday, June 29, 2015. She was 80.

She worked at Harrison Park, Fairview and Alpine elementary schools.

Survivors include her sons, Jeff (Beth) Sund and Mike (Paula) Sund; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Paul Van Faasen '56 of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015. He was 81.

He served two years in the U.S. Army.

He taught in the Department of

Biology from 1962 until retiring in 1997. He was one of the founders of the Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Janice Blunt '58 VanFaasen; sons, Bill (Susan) Van Faasen '94 and Carl (Pam) Van Faasen '91; two grandchildren; sisters, Ella Van Faasen '64 Von Ins and Jane Ruiter; and in-laws, Betsy (Eric) Mihan, Barbara (George) Fanke and Susan (Randy) Kreps.

William Cameron Jr. '57 of Albany, New York, died on Sunday, July 26, 2015. He was 80.

He served at the First Church in Albany and the First Reformed Church of College Point, New York.

Survivors include his sister, Judy (Richard) Ruselink; children, Nancy (Al Plaza) Arnold, Kimberly (Mark) Reynolds, Michael (Doreen) Cameron and Heather (Neil) DiScala; and 10 grandchildren.

Ruth Moore '57 of Glen Rock, New Jersey, died on Monday, Aug. 17, 2015. She was 80.

She taught music at The Harley School, The Laurel School, The Rye Country Day School and Montclair-Kimberley Academy.

Judith MacAlpine '58 De Vries of Evansville, Indiana, died on Friday, Aug. 21, 2015. She was 79.

She was the administrative assistant at St Paul's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Ted De Vries '56; children, John (Amy) De Vries, Anthony (Jolie) De Vries, Alison (Tony) Moore, Laurie (Scott) Basham and Jenny (Ed) Steckler; and 15 grandchildren.

Blaine Timmer '58 of Holland, Michigan, and Debar, Florida, died on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015. He was 79.

He held executive positions at Chris-Craft, Inc.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Nancy Mulder '61 Timmer; sons, Steve Timmer, Andrew (Michele) Timmer and Christopher (Susan) Timmer; and five grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Robert Tulenko '58** of Clearwater, Florida, who died on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. He was 78.

Ronald Wetherbee '58 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, July 31, 2015. He was 78.

He was a high school teacher and counselor for West Ottawa Public Schools.

He was a broadcaster for football and basketball games for Hope.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Dorothy Wetherbee; children,



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Debra (Douglas) Shoultz, Brian (Annette) Wetherbee and Timothy (Kimberly) Wetherbee; six grandchildren; siblings, Norma (Carl) Walkley and Bill Wetherbee; and in-laws, Caroline (Chet) Machiela, Junior (Beatrice) Vereeke, Harv (Harriet) Berens, Marilyn Watt, Alma Vereeke, David (Marilyn) Vereeke, Paul (Alice) Vereeke, Arlene Westveld and John (Gretchen) Vereeke.

Bruce Brumels '59 of Lake City, Michigan, died on Friday, Sept. 4, 2015. He was 77.

He taught at McBain for 36 years and was the principal for the last 10 years of his career.

He was president of the Hope College Alumni Association from 2000 to 2002.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Taylor '62 Brumels; children, Blaine (Kristin) Brumels '85, Kirk (Stephanie) Brumels '88 and Joy Brumels '91 Zomer; seven grandchildren; brother, Gordon (Muriel) Brumels '50; and in-laws, Muriel (Ted) Schierbeek, Lois DeZeeuw, Sam (Helen) Hofman, Keith (Olga Dror) Taylor and Jean (Chuck) Van Engen.

Eugene Klaaren '59 of Middleton, Connecticut, died on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015.

He served as a professor of theology and religious studies at Wesleyan University from 1968 to 2006.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Mary Decker '61 Klaaren; children, Jonathan (Pippa) Klaaren, Kristen (Scott London) Klaaren '87 and Joshua (Kelly) Klaaren; sisters, Mary Ann Klaaren '60 (Kenneth) Anderson and Joy Klaaren '72 (Frank) Ortiz; brother, Keith Klaaren '65; and seven grandchildren.

John Wingard '59 of Muskegon, Michigan, died on Friday, July 31, 2015. He was 79.

He was a mechanical design engineer.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Wingard; children, Kirk (Jennifer) Wingard, Kenneth (Sonja) Wingard and Kathryn (Robert) Mitchell; stepchildren, Rebecca (Chris) Gallegos, James Wallor and John Wallor; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and brother, Charles (Anne) Wingard.

Margot Fisher '60 Dorn-Dutcher of Alpena, Michigan, died on Monday, Sept. 28, 2015. She was 77.

Survivors include her six children, Nancy (Jeff) Szejbach, Kathy (Terry) Allen, Mike (Jeanne) Dorn, Tom (Jennifer) Dutcher, Kate (Mike) Phillips and Sally (Jeff) Klein; and 12 grandchildren.

Donald Dykstra '61 of New Brunswick, New Jersey, died on Friday,

Sept 4, 2015. He was 76.

He worked as a code officer and then spent 20 years working for A-1 Limousine.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Dykstra; children, Gretchen (Eva Baker-Dykstra) Dykstra and Donald Dykstra II; brothers, Tom Dykstra '64, Jim Dykstra '66, Tim (Nancy Culver '68) Dykstra '68, and Russ Dykstra '83; and their families.

Sharon Beck '61 Seavy of Englewood, Florida, died on Friday, July 17, 2015. She was 75.

She worked for the State of New York.

Survivors include her daughter, Ronelle (Dennis) Moore; stepson, Lee Seavy; stepdaughter, Regina Rogers; sisters, Barbara Geitner '61 Swart and Anna Geitner '58 Ritsema; brother, R. Peter (Judy '60) Geitner '61; and seven grandchildren.

David denOuden '62 of Algonquin, Illinois, died on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015. He was 74.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Margaret "Peggy" denOuden; children, David denOuden and Lauri (Eric) Brents; six grandchildren; sister, Mary Ann (Clarence II) DeGroot; and brother, Paul (Karen) denOuden.

Barbara Kamphuis '62 Wilson of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Aug. 14, 2015. She was 74.

She retired from Waste Management after 15 years of service.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, James Wilson; children, Lynette (Edwin) Geerlings and Michael (Theresa) Wilson; six grandchildren; sister-in-law, Jackie Kamphuis; and step-brothers and -sisters, Rose Beekman, Myra (Jim) Tyink, Mary (David) Kaniff, Bill (Lois) Beekman and Bill Ooms.

George Beukema '63 of Belmont, California, died on Friday, June 5, 2015. He was 81.

He was an urban pastor in the Reformed Church in America and founded Heartside Ministry in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Survivors include his wife, Ramona Prince-Beukema; sisters, Shirley Aardsma, Clarice Boss and Judy Klompmaker; children, Glenda (John) Cerne, Donna (Ralph) Echols, George (Liala) Beukema '77, Lorna (Joe Martha) Beukema and Dale Beukema '84; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Henry Breederland '64 Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, July 30, 2015. He was 82.

He taught history and English at Zeeland High School and was a

carpenter at West Ottawa High School.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Breederland; son, David (Diana) Breederland '82; sister, Lois Breederland '64 Skibins; two grandchildren; step-children, Lori Cadell and Gail (Cal) De Vries; six step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and siblings, Arthur (Jean) Breederland, Raymond (Joyce) Breederland, Marian (Robert) Mc Tavish and Lois Skibins.

Mary Enderlin '67 of Boise, Idaho, died on Wednesday, June 24, 2015. She was 70.

She taught at Cole Valley Christian Schools.

Survivors include her brothers, James Enderlin '72 and David Enderlin.

Nancy Burke '72 Berry of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015. She was 65.

She was an elementary school teacher.

Survivors include her husband, Steven Berry '72; children, Christopher (Emily Ziegler '02) Berry '02, Hilary Berry '06 (Michael) Sefton, Meredith Berry '06 (John '07) Russell and Brooke (Zachary) Winterhalter; five grandchildren; mother-in-law, Myra Kleis '45 Berry; brother, Gerald (Rose) Burke; and sister and brother-in-laws, Jill (Bill) TeWinkle and Lynn (Scott) Berry-Hoover.

Mark Sligh '76 of Asheville, North Carolina, died on Monday, Oct. 26, 2015. He was 60.

He practiced law most of his adult life.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa Harris; mother, Carol Sligh; father, Richard (Marti Lootens '65) Sligh; sister, Lee Ann Sligh; and step-sister, Gretchen Sligh '93 Flores.

Andrew Clark '91 of Granger, Indiana, died on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015. He was 46.

He was the chief operating officer for North American Forest Products.

Survivors include his wife, Kara Griffith-Clark; children, Max, Addison and Reese; parents, Mary Jo (Len) Clark; brother, Ben (Krista) Clark; sister, Alison (Kyle) Zajdel; mother- and father-in-law, Anne (George) Griffith; and sisters-in-law, Jody Konow and Wendy (Dave) Mueller.

Sarah VanderMeyden '91 Genzink of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015. She was 47.

She had a 19-year career with Zeeland Christian Schools as a teacher and preschool director.

Survivors include her husband, Brian Genzink; daughters, Brianna, Katrina and Annika; parents, Calvin (Marjorie) Vander Meyden; siblings, Martha

(Ken) Mast, Ruth (Jeff) Konyndyk, Joel (Mandy) Vander Meyden and Ben (Erin) Vander Meyden; and brothers-in-law, Tom (Joan) Genzink and Tim (Jamie) Genzink.

Kimberly Huizen '94 Slot of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015. She was 43.

She was a teacher at Crossroads Middle School in Northview, Michigan.

Survivors include her daughters, Katelyn Slot and Abby Slot; parents, Craig (Mary) Huizen; sister and brother, Jenni (Kevin) Johnson, Todd (Marissa) Huizen; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Erika (Paul) TenEyck and Chris (Cari) Slot; and grandmother, Marilyn Poll.

Sympathy to

The family of **Ronald W. Beery**, of Hudsonville, Michigan, who died on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015. He was 80.

He was a member of the Hope physics faculty from 1963 to 1970, and subsequently served as president of Audio Scripture Ministries.

While teaching at Hope, he had played a leadership role in developing the college's ability to record performances and presentations on campus. In recent years he had donated his time and expertise in helping the college preserve and digitize its library of recordings—many of which he had helped make—for use by future generations. He was even planning to visit the Joint Archives of Holland and assist with a project later in October.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Alice Beery; children, Annemarie (Matt) Johnson, Al (Suzanne) Beery, Don (Susan) Beery, and J. and R. Beery; and five grandchildren.

The family of **Jean Cnossen** of Holland, Michigan who died on Friday, July 10, 2015. She was 90.

Jean worked for 10 years in Phelps Hall at Hope College.

Survivors include her son, Darris (Deb) Schuurman; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

The family of **Louise Van Dommelen** who died on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015. She was 94.

She joined the U.S. Army during World War II.

She served in the Army Reserves until she retired as a full colonel. She was the first woman physical education instructor at Hope from 1947 to 1953. She later taught at Whittier High School and Sierra High School in California.

ABIDING HOPE

A solitary figure passes through a Hope campus that lies quiescent beneath a soft blanket of snow, the cathedral-like frame created by the towering trees that stand vigil in the foreground echoed by the soaring buttresses and windows of the chapel beyond. This particular moment is in one sense literally timeless, the image itself undated in the collections of the Joint Archives of Holland. And although the scene is not quite anywhen (it exists sometime between the completion of Dimnent in 1929 and the 2008-09 renovation of Graves Hall), barring familiarity with some subtle cues it could be from seven years ago or 70, abiding Hope in the season of Hope eternal.

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